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**Chapter 10:
The Witch
of the Deep**

**TAKE
THAT!**

**HMPH!
RIGHT
BACK
ATCHA!**

**HEE-
YAH!**

**AHA
HA HA
HA HA!**

**UGH!
YOU
LUMBERING
FOOL. CAN'T
YOU AIM?!**



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ALL
RIGHT-!

TERIO-
SAN, THIS
ONE'S ALL
YOURS~!

LEAD
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MAMA
NEEDS
A NEW
PAIR
OF--

BOYOYOING
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HUH
?!

SLIP

UH-
OH.

WITH WHOM
はっ
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Splash

Squish



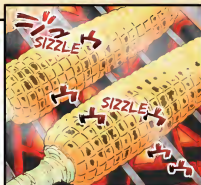
む
Smother

AHA
HA HA!
SORRY,
GUYS.
GUESS I
TRIPPED.

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Beach Treats

Hot Dog: 200
Coke: 200
Fried Squid: 400
Youkai: 550

YAKI
Aha! Aha!
Aha!
Aha!

UGH,
YOU'RE
CRUSHING
ME!! GET
OFF, GET
OFF, GET
OFF!!

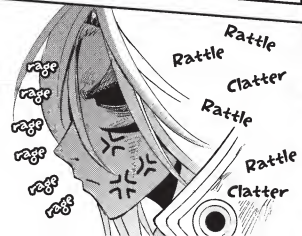
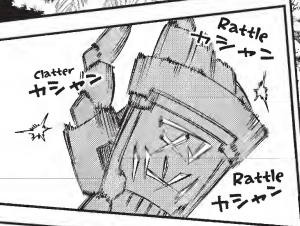
I'M
SINKING
INTO THE
SAND!

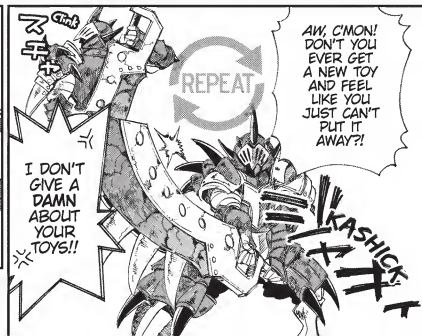
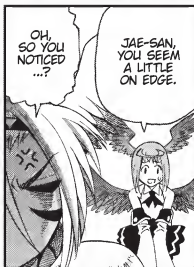
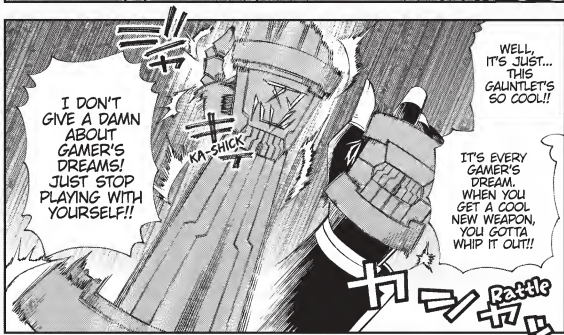
ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!



WHAT
THE HELL
AM I
DOING...?

WHAT...





Dragg

SORRY ABOUT THAT. I KNOW I'M A BIG CUT OF BEEF...

YOU'RE NOT THE PROBLEM!! THE PROBLEM IS YOUR EXTRA BAGGAGE !!

What am I, the chuck wagon?!

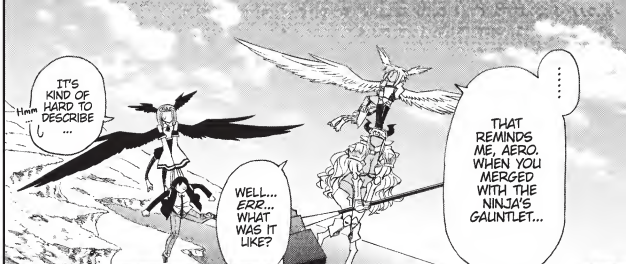
YOU'D BE "ON EDGE" TOO IF YOU HAD TO DRAG THIS CARCASS THROUGH THE AIR!!

OH. YOU MEAN MY BOOBS-?

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE THEY DETACH FOR EASY STORAGE...

Juggle T=3P
Juggle T=-13P

UGH... IF YOU COULD JUST MERGE WITH THE NINJA LIKE AERO DID, I COULD CARRY YOU WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT...!



IT'S
KIND OF
HARD TO
DESCRIBE
...

WELL...
ERR...
WHAT WAS IT
LIKE?

THAT
REMINDS
ME, AERO.
WHEN YOU
MERGED
WITH THE
NINJA'S
GAUNTLET...



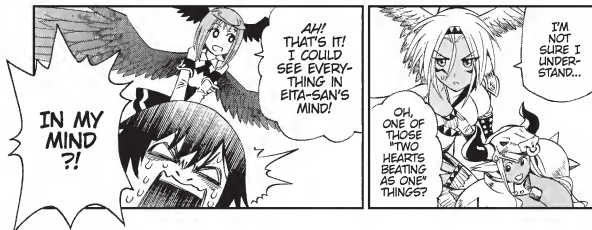
YOU
COULD SAY
IT FELT LIKE
ECSTASY,
OR PURE
PLEASURE OR
DELIGHT...

I'M NOT
SURE IF I'D
SAY I MERGED
WITH THE
GAUNTLET
OR WITH
EITA-SAN...



FWOOSH

OR MAYBE
YOU COULD
SAY I BECAME
A BEING OF
PURE MAGIC
INSIDE OF
EITA-SAN...



IN MY
MIND
?!

AH!
THAT'S IT!
I COULD
SEE EVERY-
THING IN
EITA-SAN'S
MIND!

OH,
ONE OF
THOSE
"TWO
HEARTS
BEATING
AS ONE"
THINGS?

I'M
NOT
SURE I
UNDER-
STAND...



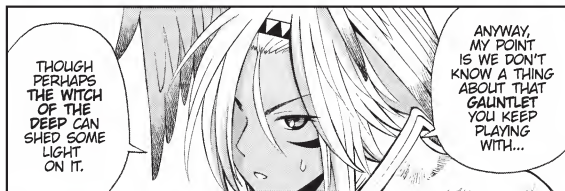
ENOUGH
OF YOUR
SQUAWKING,
LITTLE
BROTHER.

Not to
mention
my
kinks...

No,
no-
thing
like
that...

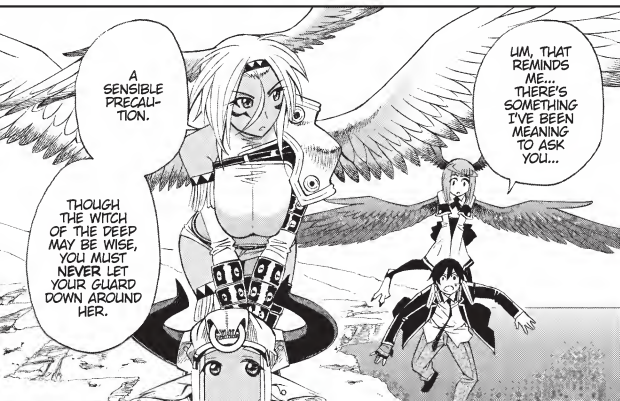
D-D-D-
D-D-D-D-
D-D-DOES
THAT MEAN
YOU KNOW
EVERYTHING
I'M THINKING
NOW?! MY
HIGH SCORES?
MY LOCKED
DOORS?
MY PRIVATE
WARS?!

What's he
trying to
hide...?



THOUGH
PERHAPS
THE WITCH
OF THE
DEEP CAN
SHED SOME
LIGHT
ON IT.

ANYWAY,
MY POINT
IS WE DON'T
KNOW A THING
ABOUT THAT
GAUNTLET
YOU KEEP
PLAYING
WITH...



A
SENSIBLE
PRECAU-
TION.

THOUGH
THE WITCH
OF THE DEEP
MAY BE WISE,
YOU MUST
NEVER LET
YOUR GUARD
DOWN AROUND
HER.

UM, THAT
REMINDS
ME...
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I'VE BEEN
MEANING
TO ASK
YOU...



ON TOP
OF THAT, SHE
CONNED THE
PRINCESS'S
SISTER INTO
TRADING HER
HAIR, WHICH CAN
BE USED AS A
MAGIC CONDUIT,
FOR A DAGGER
TO SLAY THE
PRINCESS.

THE WITCH
IS VERY
SKILLED AND
CUNNING. IF
WE AREN'T
VIGILANT, WE'LL
WIND UP IN
THE SAME
BOAT AS
THAT POOR
PRINCESS.

RUMOR
HAS IT THAT
SHE TRICKED
THE MERMAID
PRINCESS AND
STOLE HER
PHYSICAL
APPEARANCE
AND BEAUTIFUL
SINGING VOICE.



THEN
WHAT
WERE YOU
WORRIED
ABOUT?



ER, THAT
WASN'T MY
CONCERN.



SO,
HOW
EXACTLY
ARE WE
GETTING
TO HER?

WELL,
SINCE SHE'S
CALLED "THE
WITCH OF
THE DEEP,"
THAT MEANS
SHE LIVES IN
THE SEA,
RIGHT?

WELL,
YEAH.



GAH?!
?

ARE YOU FOR REAL?! SHE COULD BE A FRICKIN' EXPOSITION FAIRY, BUT WHAT GOOD IS THAT IF WE CAN'T ACTUALLY GET TO HER?!

?!
?



HM...?
?

SH-SHUT UP!!



YOU'RE LIKE THE WORST KIND OF NPC, JAE-SAN.

THE ONES WHO STAND THERE SPOLTING INFO, BUT CAN'T PUT IT TO USE...



No infodump is gonna change my opinion of you, okay?

HEH... WELL SPOTTED, AERO. WE HARPIES HAVE HAWK EYES THAT CAN SEE THINGS FROM MILES AWAY, AFTER ALL.

NOW THEN, LET'S HEAD OVER THERE, SHALL WE?

Wooooo~

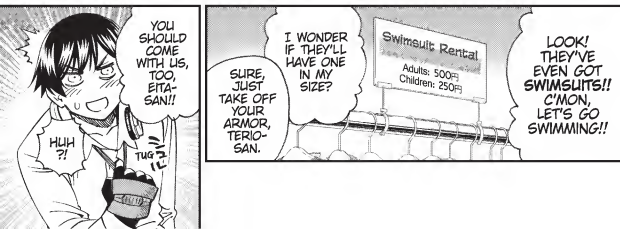
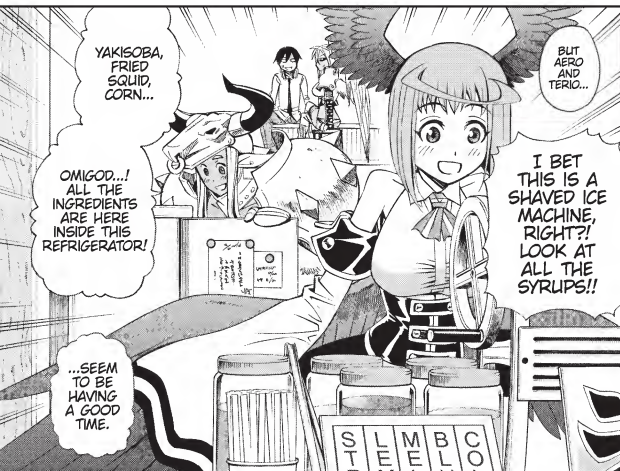
U Hey, I should get a say in U this!!



HEY, EITA-SAN. LOOK AT THAT WEIRD BUILDING!

HUH? WHERE?









DON'T
FORGET TO
STRETCH
BEFORE
GOING
IN THE
WATER!!

WELL,
SO MUCH
FOR MY
DREAM....!!

I SHOULDA
KNOWN.
THERE'S NO
WAY THAT
JAE-SAN
WOULD GO
ALONG
WITH--



YEAH,
SURE
IT IS
!!

AND OURS IS
TO SURVEY
THE OCEAN
TO TRY AND
FIND A WAY
TO REACH
THE WITCH
OF THE
DEEP!

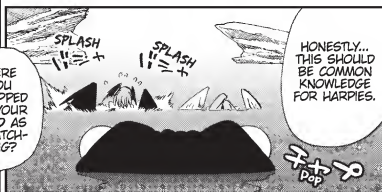
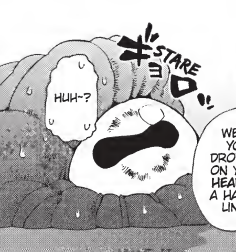


NINJA,
YOUR
JOB IS TO
ACQUIRE
PROVISIONS
!!

WHA
?!

One,
two,
three,
four!







Bounce!

WANNA
HANG
OUT
WITH
ME?

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?

Whooooa~

OOPS,
YOU
DIDN'T
GET ANY
CORN,
DIDJA?

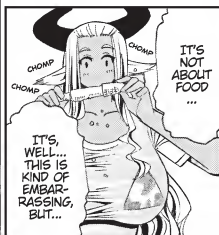
THAT'S
NOT THE
PROB...
WAIT,
IT'S ALL
GONE?!

You ate
that whole
pile?!



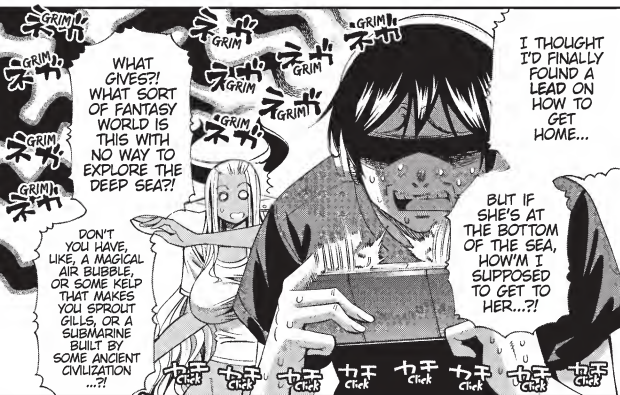
IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL NEVER GET BACK TO THE SURFACE WORLD...!

BLEEAAK
あゝ？



IT'S NOT ABOUT FOOD ...

IT'S, WELL... THIS IS KIND OF EMBARRASSING, BUT...



WHAT GIVES?! WHAT SORT OF FANTASY WORLD IS THIS WITH NO WAY TO EXPLORE THE DEEP SEA?!

DON'T YOU HAVE, LIKE, A MAGICAL AIR BUBBLE, OR SOME KELP THAT MAKES YOU SPROUT GILLS, OR A SUBMARINE BUILT BY SOME ANCIENT CIVILIZATION ...?!

I THOUGHT I'D FINALLY FOUND A LEAD ON HOW TO GET HOME...

BUT IF SHE'S AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO GET TO HER...?!



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ポインク？

MWAH
?!

THAT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF THINKING THAT--

HEY, CHEER UP--! WE'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.



THAT
BUILDING
CAME FROM
THE SURFACE
WORLD,
AFTER ALL.
IF IT CAME
HERE, THEN
YOU CAN GO
THERE.

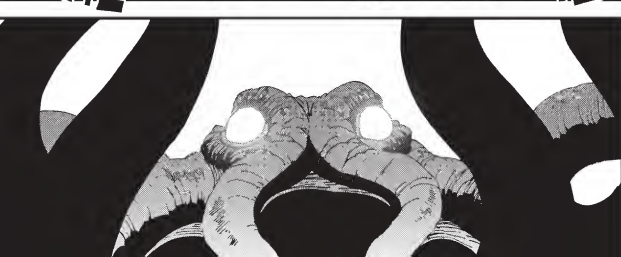
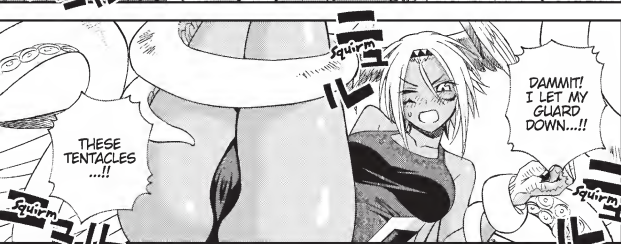
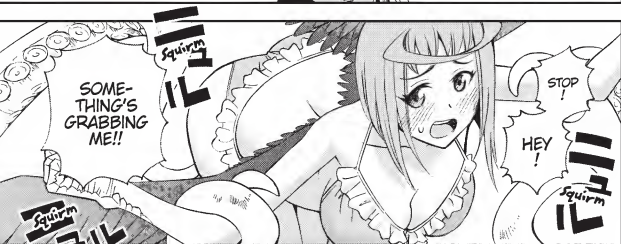
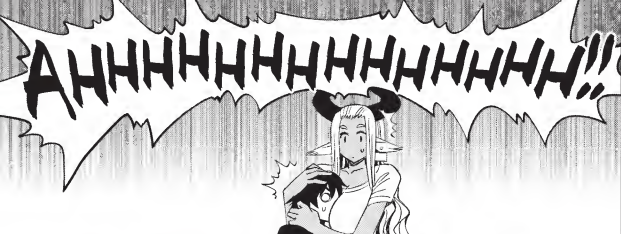
JUST
RELAX.
IT'LL BE
FINE.

SO
EVERY-
THING'S
GONNA
BE ALL
RIGHT.



TERIO...

TE...

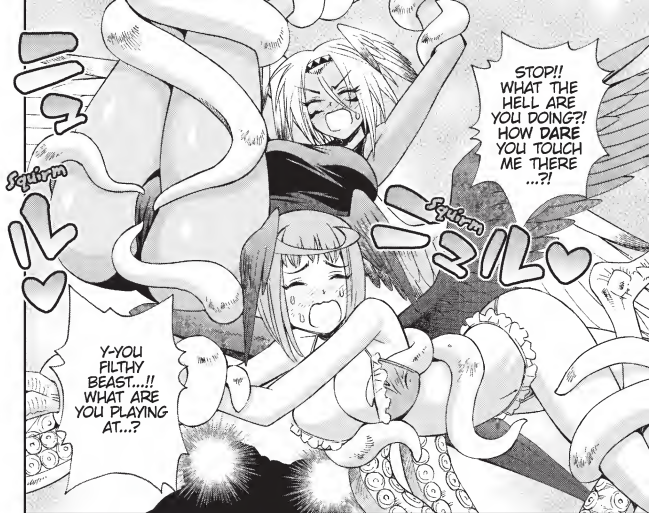




IT'S
A
KRAKEN
!!

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STOP!!
WHAT THE
HELL ARE
YOU DOING?!
HOW DARE
YOU TOUCH
ME THERE
...?!

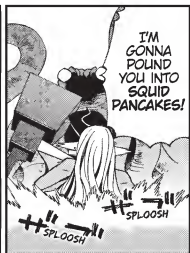
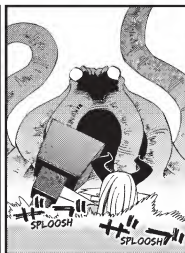
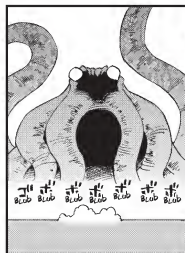
Y-YOU
FILTHY
BEAST....!!
WHAT ARE
YOU PLAYING
AT...?



TH-THIS
COULD
GET UGLY!!
THEIR LIVES
ARE AT
STAKE...
AND THEIR
VIRTUE!!

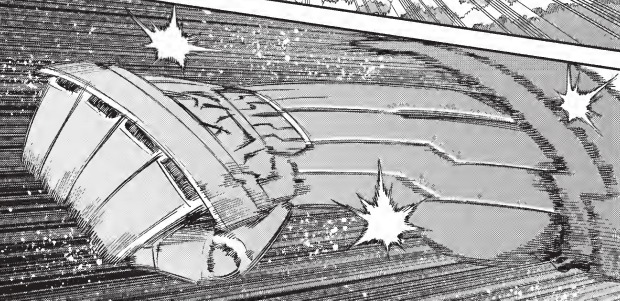
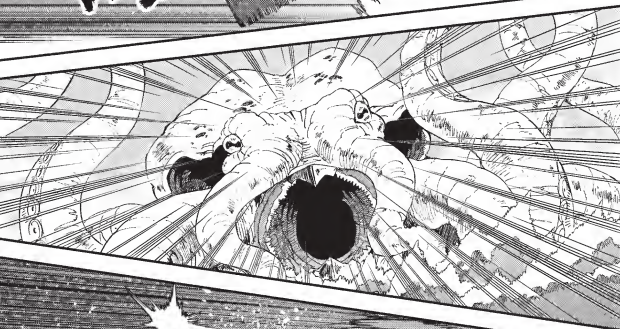


I'D
BETTER
SAVE
THEM,
AND
FAST
....!!





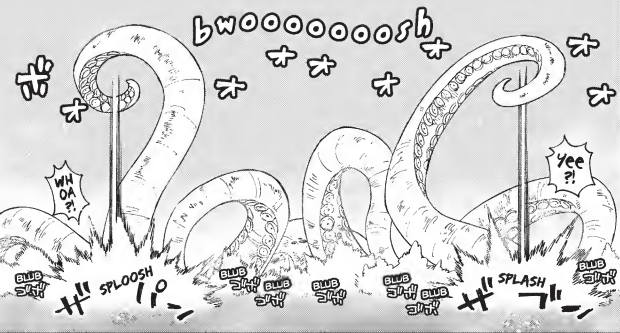


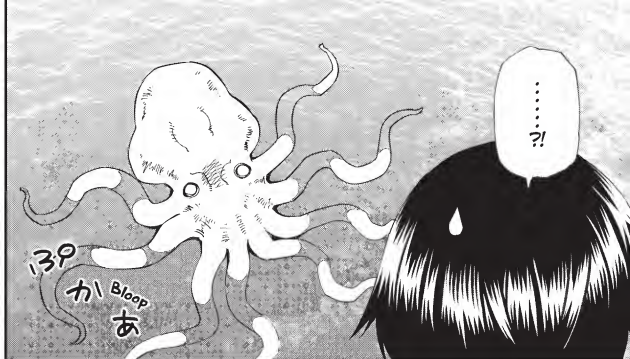




**TOLGA-
STYLE
ATTACK:**

MEGAZELLE!!



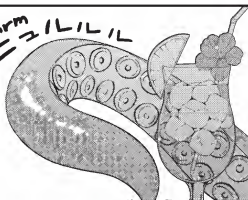


AND I
THOUGHT
I'D DONE
A RATHER
GOOD JOB
WITH THAT
KRAKEN,
TOO.



SPLendid
WORK...

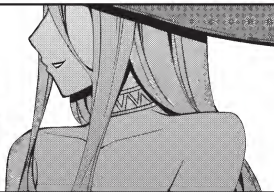
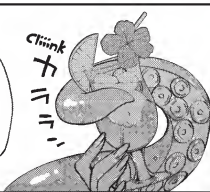
Squirm
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I NEVER
DREAMED
THAT YOU'D
DOWN IT
WITH A
SINGLE
HIT.

THEN
AGAIN...

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+
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ニユル
Squirm

Squirm
ニユルル

Squirm
ニユル

Squirm
ニユルル

I SHOULD
HAVE
EXPECTED
NO LESS
FROM HIS
BROTHER.

ニユル
Squirm



IT'S A
PLEASURE
TO MEET
YOU...
I AM THE
WITCH OF
THE DEEP.

STEELA
THE
SCYLLA.

WH-WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE...?!

THE
WITCH
OF THE
DEEP
...?!

SPLISH

SPLISH

BUT
FIRST, WHY
DON'T YOU
CHANGE
BEFORE
I GUIDE
YOU...

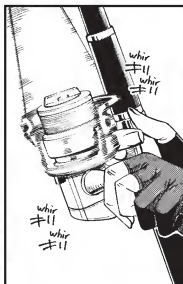
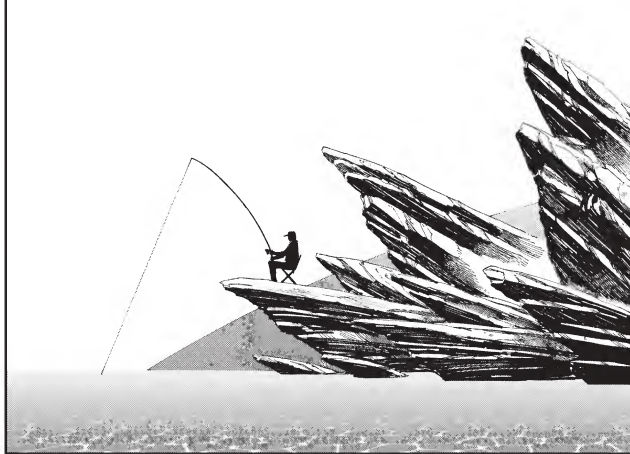
I'M
SURE YOU
MUST HAVE
A LOT OF QUESTIONS
...

MY
BRO
AGAIN,
HUH
...?!

WHY,
YOUR
BROTHER
ASKED
ME TO
COME.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HE'S
POPULAR
EVEN IN
THE DEEP
SEA.

TO MY
ABODE.

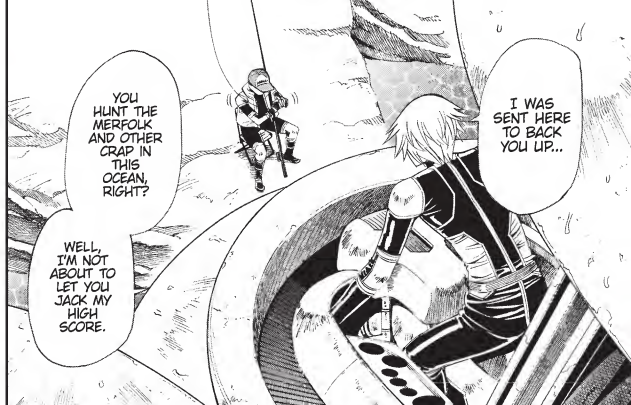




AND YOU
WOULD
BE
"GAMER"?



SO...
YOU'RE
"ANGLER,"
HUH?



YOU
HUNT THE
MERFOLK
AND OTHER
CRAP IN
THIS
OCEAN,
RIGHT?

I WAS
SENT HERE
TO BACK
YOU UP...

WELL,
I'M NOT
ABOUT TO
LET YOU
JACK MY
HIGH
SCORE.



HMM...
YEAH,
THAT'D
BE THE
ATTITUDE...

SO, DON'T
THINK THAT
JUST 'CAUSE
I WAS SENT
TO HELP--



Plooop
F+ P-

YOU
SON
OF A
BITCH
...!

GO
OUTSIDE.
TAKE IN THE
SUN AND DO
SOME FISHING.
OR HAVE
YOU ONLY
EVER FISHED
INSIDE A
GAME?



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K~

...THAT
GETS YOU
POUNDED
WHEN YOU
GO IN FOR
THE KILL, LIKE
YOU WERE
BY THOSE
MINOTAURS.

THIS IS
WHY I HATE
COUCH-
JOCKEY,
OTAKU
GAMERS...

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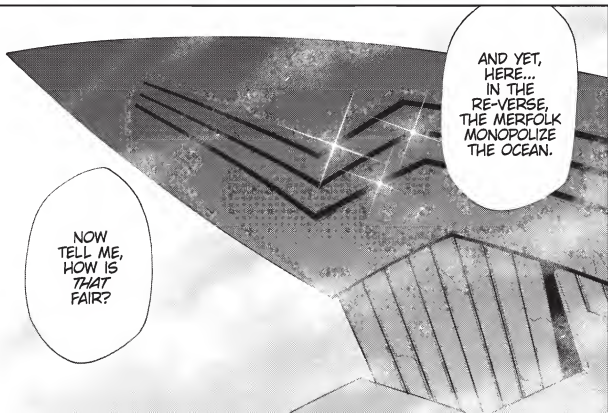
THROW IN
YOUR LINE
AND TAKE
THE RIGHT
APPROACH,
AND YOU WILL
BE DULY
REWARDED.

FISHING
IS A
MEETING
OF
EQUALS.

THE OCEAN
IS A THING
OF BEAUTY.
IT'S QUIET,
AND ITS
DEPTHS
ARE FILLED
WITH
BOUNTY.



SO MUCH
MORE
THAN
DEALING
WITH
HUMANS...



AND YET,
HERE...
IN THE
RE-VERSE,
THE MERFOLK
MONOPOLIZE
THE OCEAN.

NOW
TELL ME,
HOW IS
THAT
FAIR?

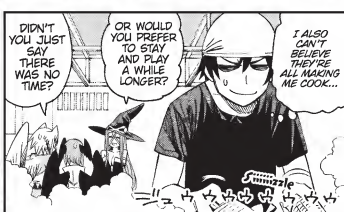
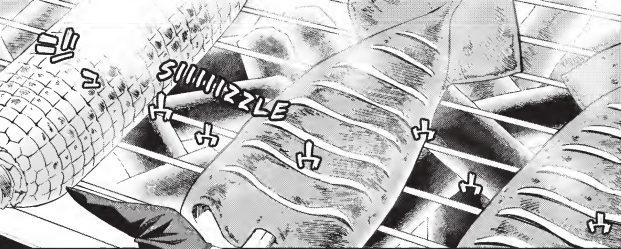


THAT'S
WHY I'M
GOING TO
DESTROY
THEM.

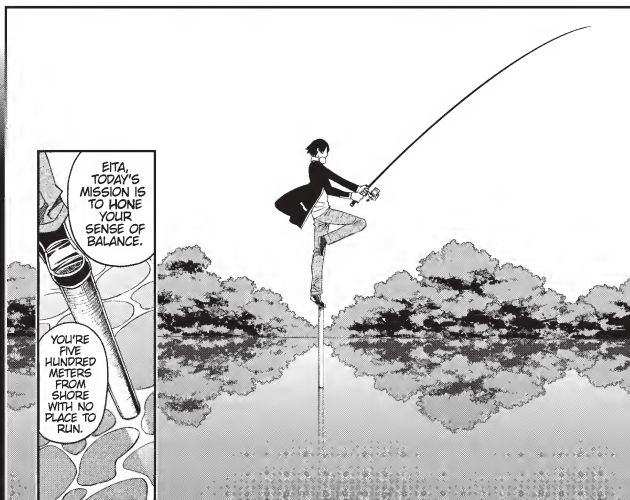
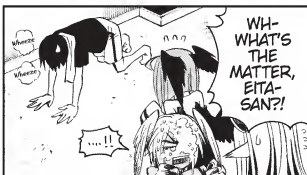
WITH
THE
POWER
GRANTED
TO ME:

INDRA,
THE
SERPENT,
ONE OF
THE TWELVE
DIVINE
GENERALS!

THE
OCEAN
SHALL BE
RECLAIMED
...!



Chapter 11: Big Fish Memories





IN THE MEANTIME, GO AHEAD AND PLAY ONE OF YOUR LADY-FREE VIDEO GAMES.

WHAA?!

ALL RIGHTY. I'LL BE BACK IN SIX HOURS.

AND IF YOU'RE SO MUCH AS DAMP, YOU'LL GET ANOTHER SIX HOURS.



THIS POND, WHERE THE METER-LONG BLACK BASS LIES IN WAIT!!

THIS POND IS RIGHT WHERE I NEEDED TO BE!

WOW, GRAMPS... YOU ACTUALLY DID ME A FAVOR THIS TIME ...!



Isn't it huge?!!

Just magnificent, Eita-kun...

SO!! I'VE GOTTA LAND ME A BIG SUCKER!!

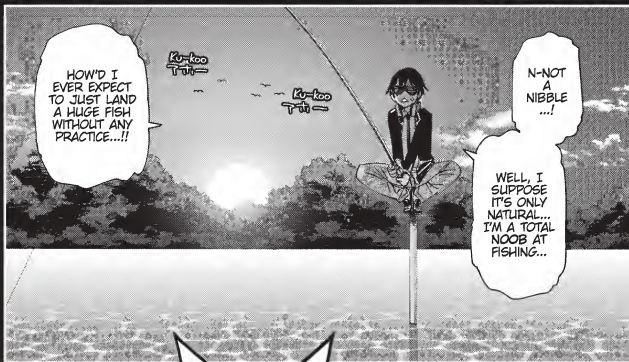
IT'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO GET CLOSER TO HER!!



Sorry, I'm not really into TV dramas...

WHEN I ASKED MISAKI-SAN, THE CLASS IDOL, WHAT HER HOBBIES WERE...

I NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED SHE'D BE INTO FISHING ...!!



HOW'D I
EVER EXPECT
TO JUST LAND
A HUGE FISH
WITHOUT ANY
PRACTICE....!!

Ku-koo
T-t-t-

Ku-koo
T-t-t-

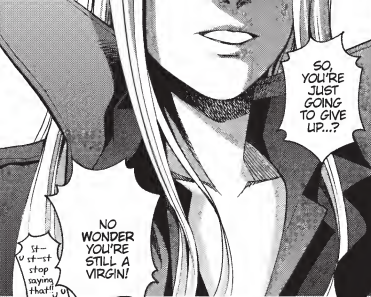
N-NOT
A
NIBBLE
....!

WELL, I
SUPPOSE
IT'S ONLY
NATURAL...
I'M A TOTAL
NOOB AT
FISHING...



HOW
PATH-
ETIC
!!

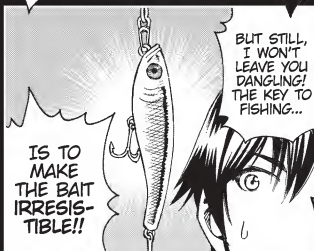
N-NOW I
WISH I'D
BROUGHT
A FISHING
GAME TO
GIVE ME
SOME
TIPS...



SO,
YOU'RE
JUST
GOING
TO GIVE
UP...?

NO
WONDER
YOU'RE
STILL A
VIRGIN!

It—
st—
st—
stop
saying
that!!



IS TO
MAKE
THE BAIT
IRRISIS-
TIBLE!!

BUT STILL,
I WON'T
LEAVE YOU
DANGLING!
THE KEY TO
FISHING...



IT'S GOT
TO LOOK
AND ACT
LIKE THE
TASTIEST
MORSEL
YOUR PREY
HAS EVER
SEEN!!

WORKS
FOR FISH,
WORKS
FOR
WOMEN!!



BAM!!

**BRO
!!**

HOW
LONG'VE
YOU
BEEN
THERE?!

And
how
did you
even
get there?



≠
SHUT UP!
I TOLD
YOU TO
STOP
SAYING
THAT!!

AND
THIS IS
WHY
YOU'RE
STILL A
VIRGIN!

B-BUT I
DON'T HAVE
THE SKILLS
TO DO
ANY OF
THAT--!



USE THE
SKILLS YOU
POSSESS!!
IT'S THE SAME
WHETHER
YOU'RE TRYING
TO LAND A FISH
OR A LADY!!

BUT
WHAT
YOU DO
HAVE ARE
SHINOBI
SKILLS!!

YOU
TRYIN'
TO PISS
ME OFF
HERE?!

IT'S
TRUE THAT
YOU DON'T
HAVE
SKILLS OR
EXPERIENCE
WITH
FISHING...

ANY
MORE
THAN YOU
HAVE WITH
WOMEN!



SHWICK

THUNK

THUNK

THUNK

THUNK



OF
COURSE
!!



SHINOBI
SKILLS...

TOUGA-STYLE ATTACK:

LURE PUPPET!!

clench da

TOUGA-STYLE ATTACK:

LURE PUPPET!!

clench da

CHOMP

AND DRAW HIM IN!!

Uuuu

ENTICE MY PREY...

CHOMP

AND DRAW HIM IN!!

Uuuu

ENTICE MY PREY...

CHOMP

AND DRAW HIM IN!!

Uuuu

ENTICE MY PREY...



10
KER-SPLASH

I...
I DID
IT!!



I'LL JUST SHOW IT TO MISAKI-SAN, SUPER CASUAL, AND THEN THAT'LL LEAD TO A NICE FRIENDLY CHAT ABOUT FISHING...

I'D BETTER SEND HER A PHOTO OF ME WITH THIS SUCKER.

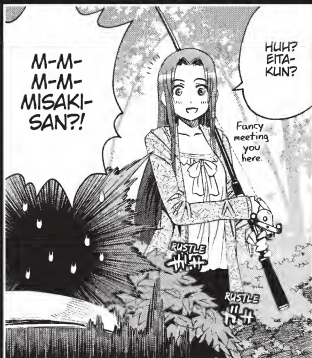
WELL, I GUESS A METER-LONG FISH WAS TOO MUCH TO HOPE FOR, BUT STILL! THIS ONE'S PLENTY BIG!



Do you fish, too?

WHOA! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT BLACK BASS?!

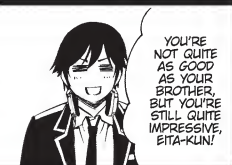
WAIT... DID YOU CATCH THIS, EITA-KUN?



HUIH? EITA-KUN?

Fancy meeting you here.

M-M-M-MISAKI-SAN?!



YOU'RE NOT QUITE AS GOOD AS YOUR BROTHER, BUT YOU'RE STILL QUITE IMPRESSIVE, EITA-KUN!



WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

HUIH...?



AHH...!! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET THIS CLOSE TO MISAKI-SAN SO EASILY ...!!

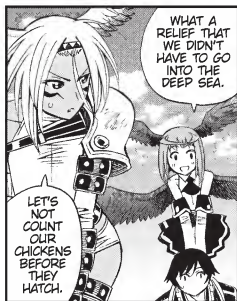
HATE TO SAY IT, BUT I'LL ACTUALLY HAVE TO THANK MY BRO...



"I'LL
GO ON
AHEAD AND
EXPLAIN
THE
SITUATION
TO THEM,
SO JUST
WAIT A BIT."

"I'M
STAYING
IN THE
MERFOLK
TOWN
DOWN
THIS WAY."

SO...
I GUESS
WE'LL MEET
THE WITCH
OF THE
DEEP IN
THAT
TOWN.



WHAT A
RELIEF THAT
WE DIDN'T
HAVE TO GO
INTO THE
DEEP SEA.

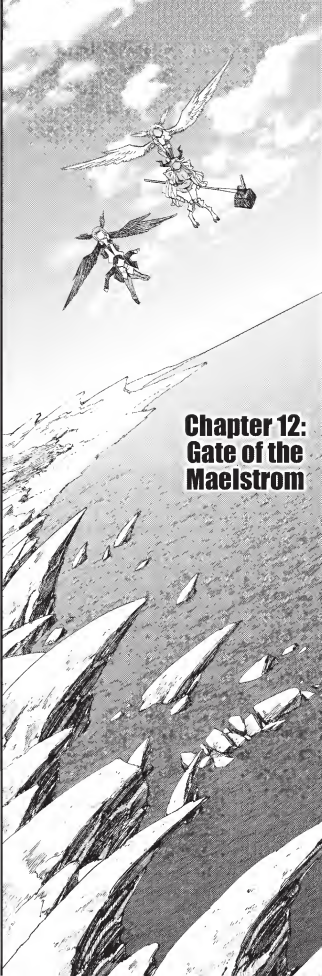
LET'S
NOT
COUNT
OUR
CHICKENS
BEFORE
THEY
HATCH.



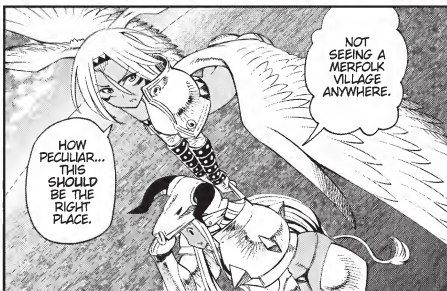
WH-
WHAT
ON
EARTH
IS
THAT?!

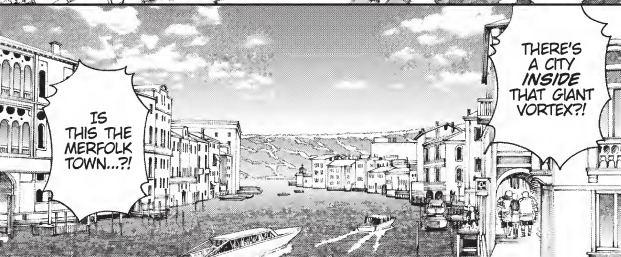
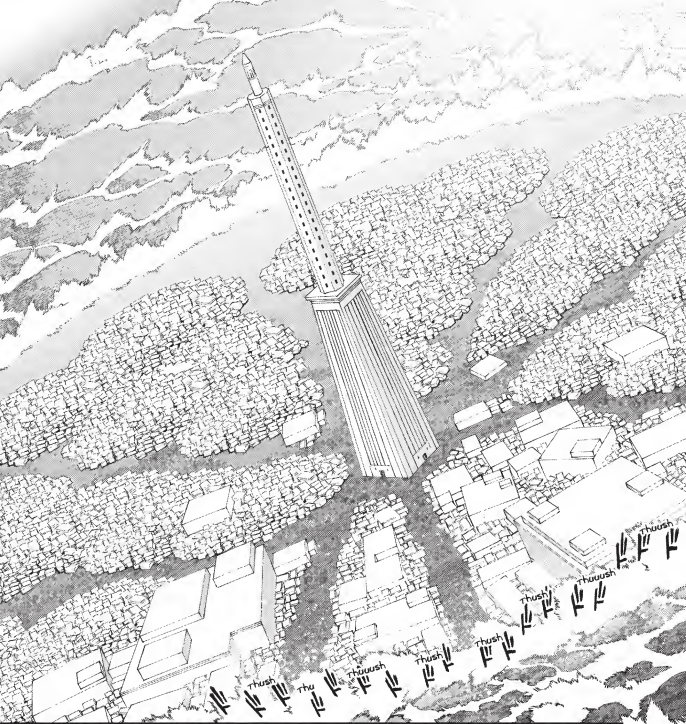
AFTER
ALL, WE
KNOW
NOTHING
ABOUT THIS
MERFOLK
TOWN...

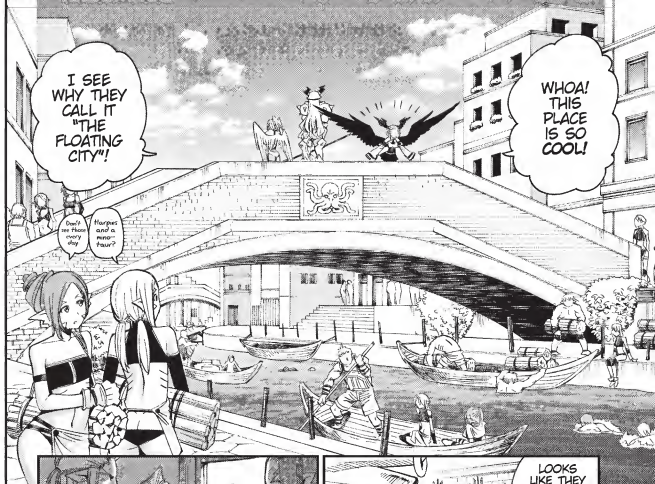
HUH
...?



Chapter 12: Gate of the Maelstrom







I SEE
WHY THEY
CALL IT
"THE
FLOATING
CITY"!

WHOA!
THIS
PLACE
IS SO
COOL!

Only
see them
every
day.

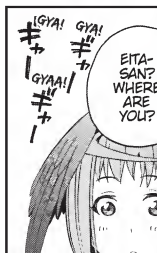
Harpies
and a
mimo-
pau?



IT WOULD
SEEM THAT
THEY'RE
READYING
FOR
BATTLE.



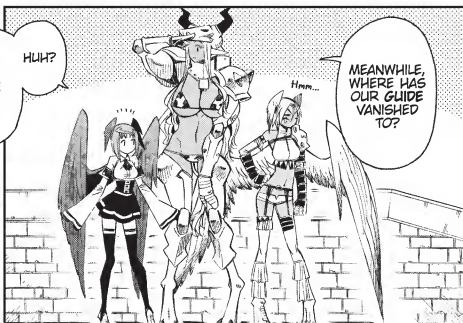
LOOKS
LIKE THEY
KEEP THIS
PLACE
TIGHTLY
CORRALLED
...



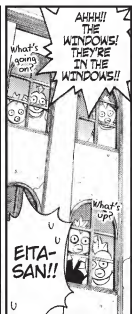
GYA! GYA!
GYAA!
GYA!

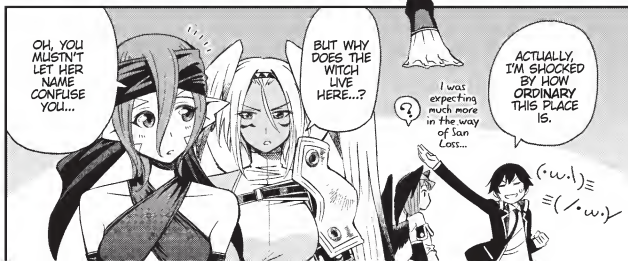
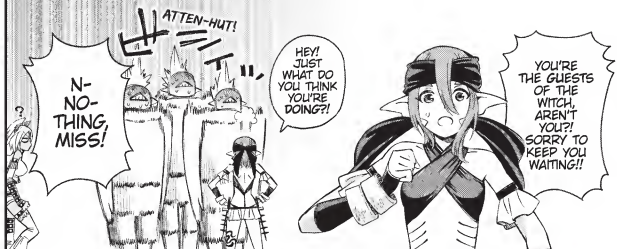
EITA-
SAN?
WHERE
ARE
YOU?

HUIH?



MEANWHILE,
WHERE HAS
OUR GUIDE
VANISHED
TO?





SHEESH.
CHANGE
YOUR NAME
ALREADY,
LADY.

Whaaaaaaa?
ゐゐ

SHE DID
USED TO
LIVE IN
THE DEEP
SEA.

BUT IT
WAS AWFULLY
INCONVENIENT,
SO SHE
MOVED UP
HERE.

Like "The
Witch of
Chulhu
Central!"

SHE
CREATED THE
MAGIC LIGHT-
HOUSE THAT
GENERATES
THE GIANT
WHIRLPOOL
PROTECTING
OUR TOWN,
AFTER ALL.

WE ALL
REALLY
OWE
STEELA
QUITE A
DEBT.

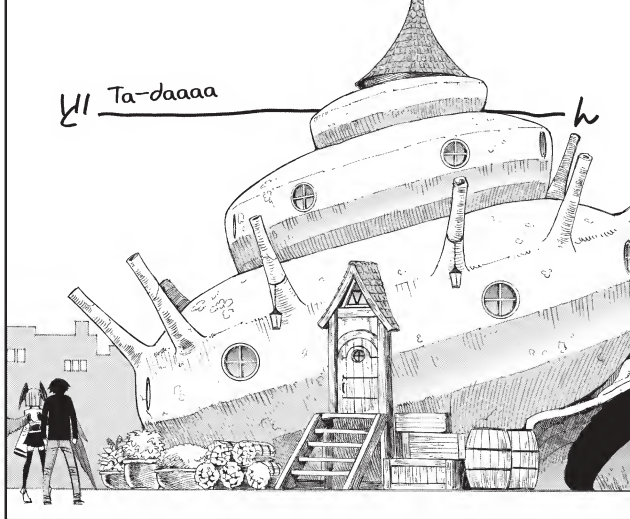
AHA...
THIS
IS IT!

I CAN'T
EVEN
IMAGINE
THE SAN
LOSS
FROM
SEEING
THAT...

A
WITCH'S
HOUSE
...?

IN RETURN,
WE ALL
POURED
OUR HEARTS
AND SOULS
INTO MAKING
A PROPER
HOUSE FOR
HER!

YI Ta-daaaa

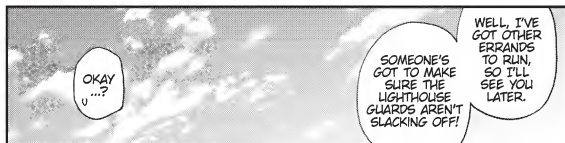
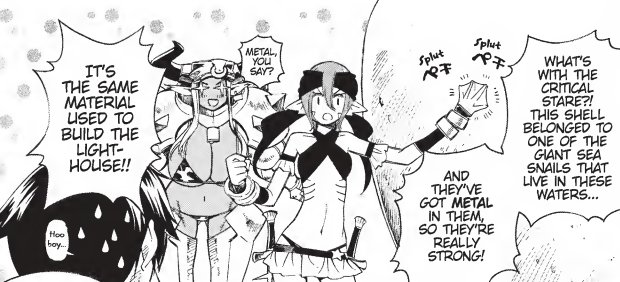


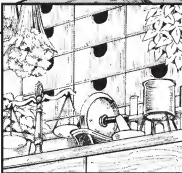
NOPE,
THIS
IS IT
....!!



WAIT...
WHAT...?
THIS
FAIRY-
TALE
PALACE
IS...?

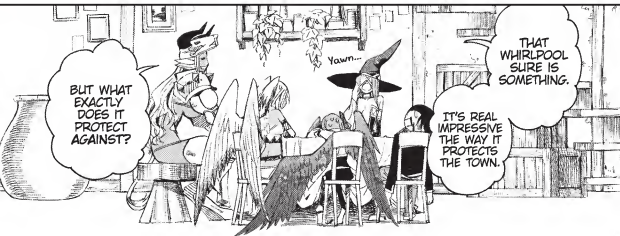
NO WAY.
THIS HAS
GOT TO
BE THE
WRONG
HOUSE....!

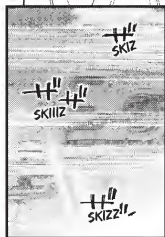
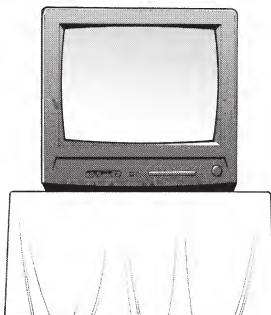
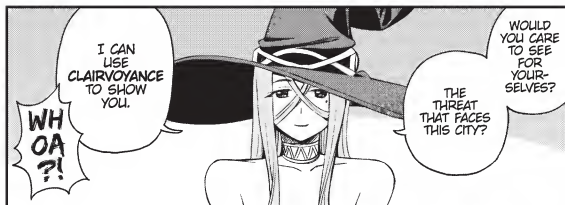


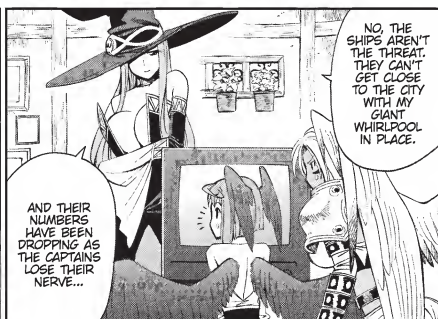
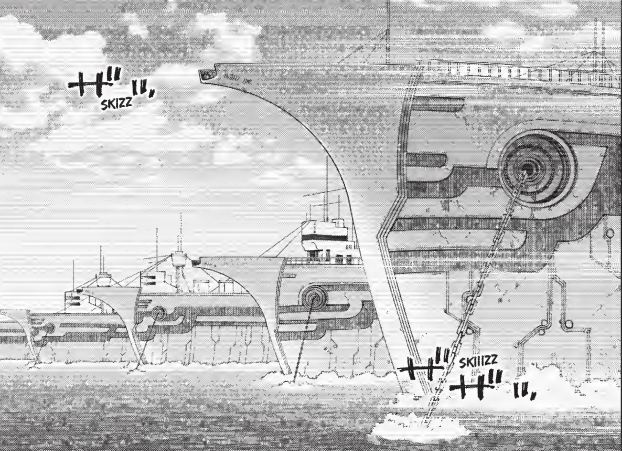


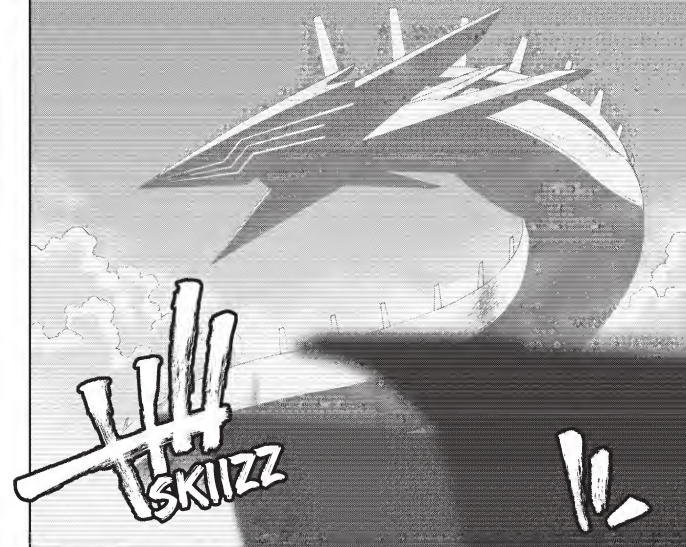












TSKIIZZ

YES, AND
WHAT'S
WORSE, THIS
ONE'S A MODEL
FOR THOSE
MASS-
PRODUCED
GIGAS YOU'VE
FOUGHT UP
UNTIL THIS
POINT.

IT'S ONE
OF THE
TWELVE
DIVINE
GENERALS...

A
GIGAS
...?!

INDRA,
THE
SERPENT.

THIS
GIGAS MAY
WELL BE THE
DOWNFALL
OF THIS
CITY.

A
PERSON
...?

IS
THAT...

WAIT...



WHAT'S
THAT THING
PLANNING?!!
DON'T TELL
ME...?!

IT'S
MOVING
!!



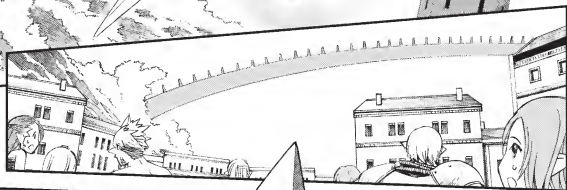
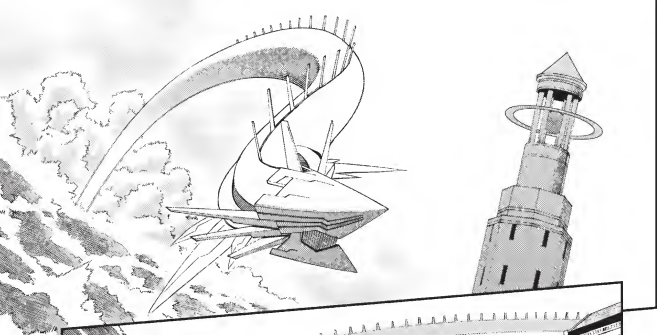


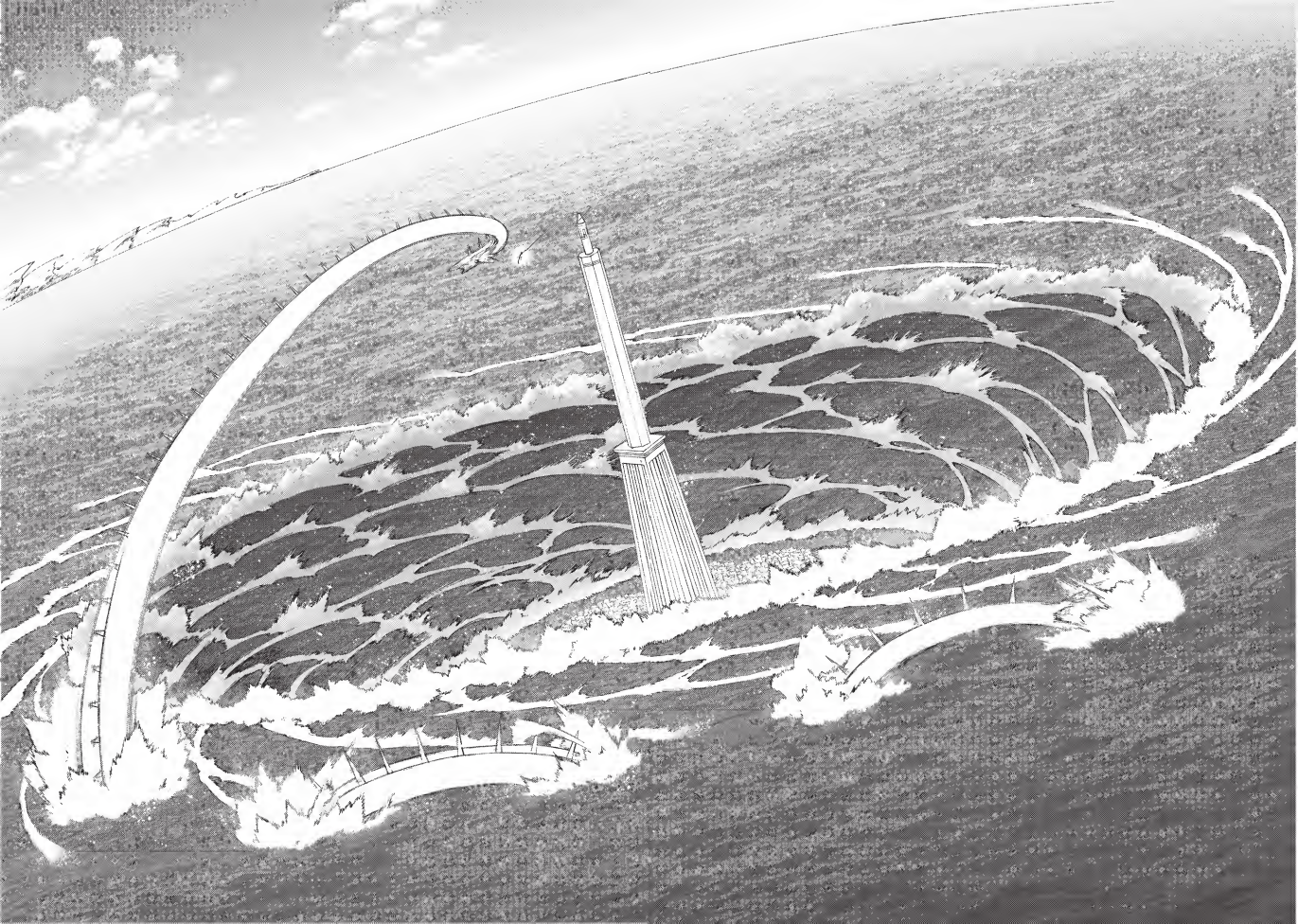
EVEN A GIGAS CAN'T LEAP THAT FAR.

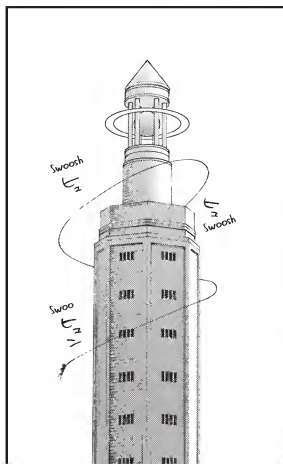
THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR. THE WHIRLPOOL HAS A ONE-KILOMETER RADIUS.

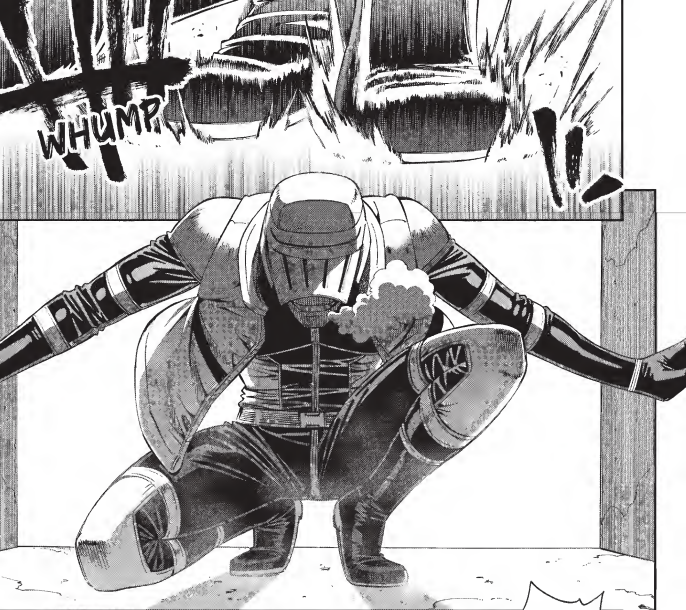
IT JUMPED OVER THE WHIRLPOOL ...!!









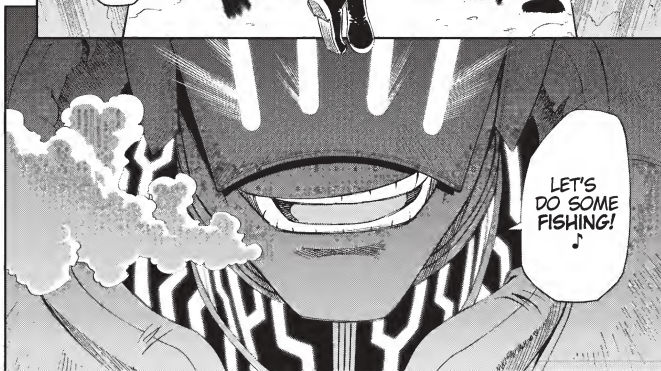




SHINE

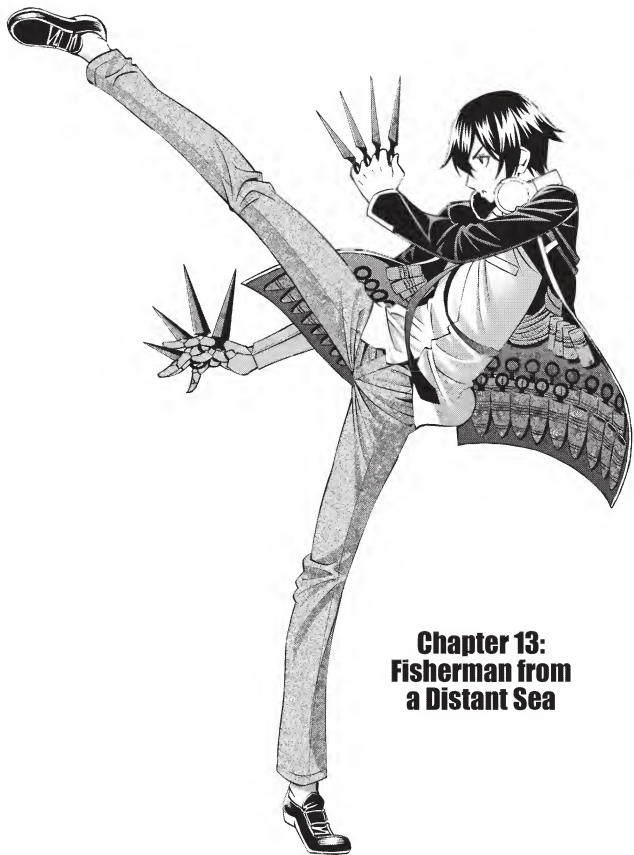
AND NOW...

IT'S
TIME TO
RECLAIM
THE
SEAS...

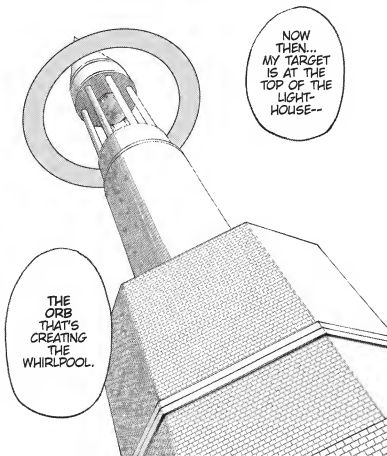
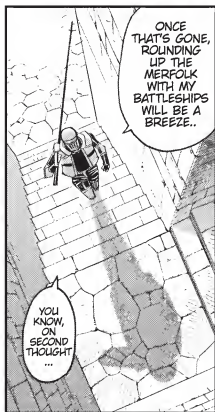


LET'S
DO SOME
FISHING!

♪



**Chapter 13:
Fisherman from
a Distant Sea**



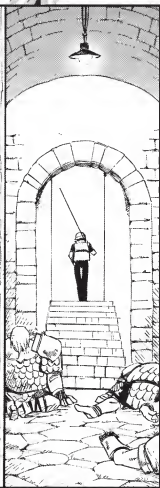
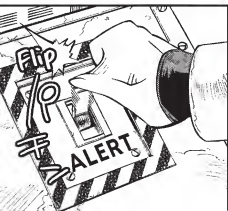
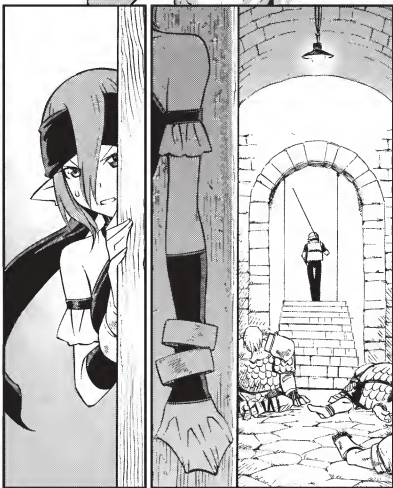
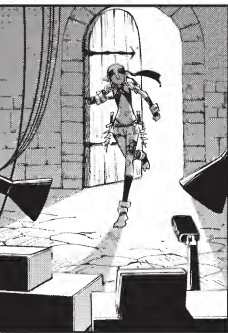
AND
MAKE IT
INTO AN
ARTIFICIAL
REEF.

That'll
make for
a sweet
fishing
spot.

WHY
DON'T I
USE MY
GIGAS
TO SINK
THE
WHOLE
CITY...

AND
I'M GOING
TO USE
IT TO MY
HEART'S
CONTENT.

THE
WORLD
NEEDS THIS
POWER OF
MINE...





IS IT
ANOTHER
GIGAS?!
OR IS
IT THE
FLEET?!

ARE WE
UNDER
ATTACK
?!

WH-
WHAT?!
THE
SIREN?!

WE'VE
GOT
NO
CHOICE
...!

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?!
WE STILL
DON'T KNOW
WHERE
ETA-SAN
WENT!

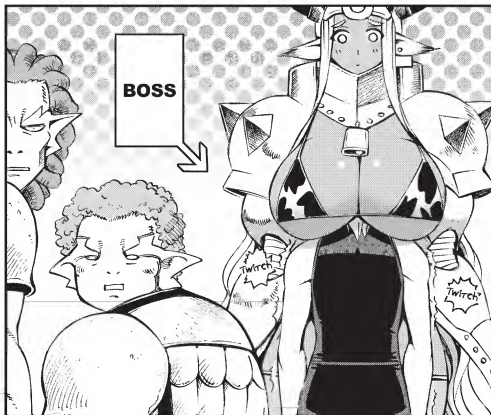
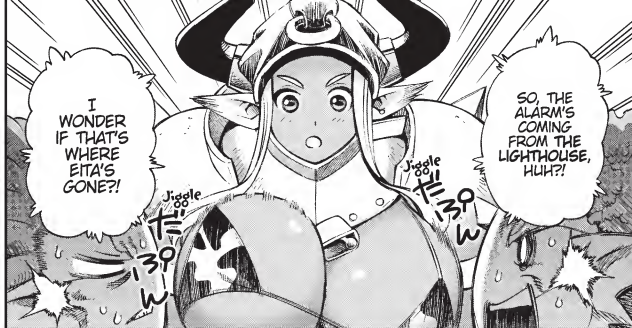
AND
WITH THE
ENEMY ON
THE OCEAN'S
SURFACE,
WITH NO
PLACE TO
HIDE, THEY'RE
IN THE VERY
PALM OF MY
HAND!

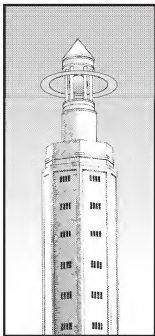
WITH
EASE! WE
HARPIES ARE
GIFTED WITH
INCREDIBLE
FALKENAUGE
VISION!

WOW,
YOU CAN
SEE THAT
FAR?!

LET'S
SPLIT UP!
I'LL DO AN
AERIAL SWEEP
TO KEEP AN
EYE ON THE
ENEMIES
IN THE
DISTANCE!!

FLAP







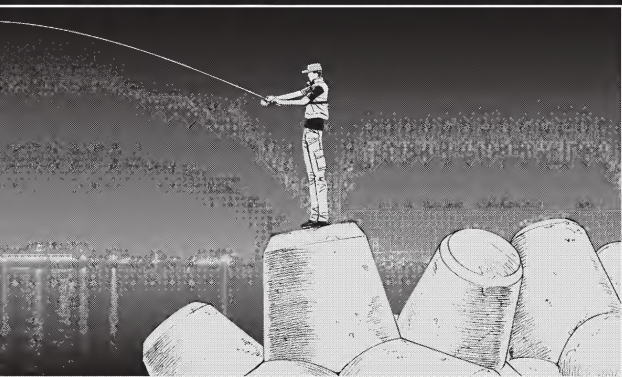
YEP, I'M
A REEL
HERO. NO
WONDER
I'VE GOT MY
HOOKS INTO
THIS WORLD.
IT NEEDS
ME.



ALL THAT'S
LEFT IS TO
DESTROY
THIS THING.
THEN IT'S
SMOOTH
SAILING.
♪

NO TRESPASSING
KEEP OUT

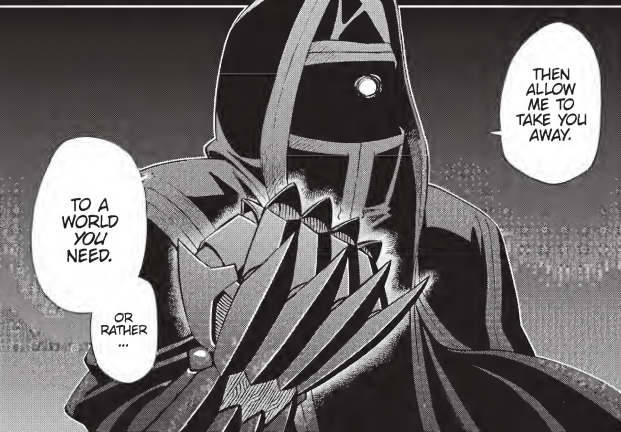
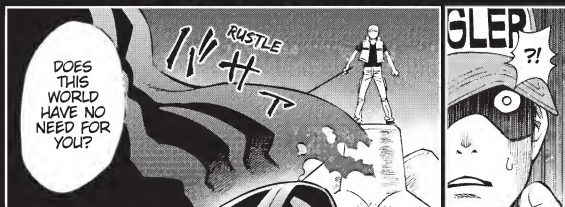
NO FISHING ON
THE BREAKWATER.
DANGEROUS!
DO NOT ENTER!



WAIT,
YOUR
HOBBY'S
FISHING?



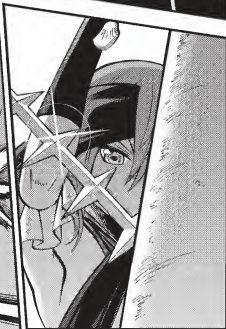
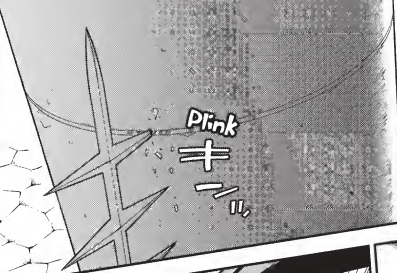




ZZZZVOOOOR

TO THE
WORLD
THAT
NEEDS
YOU
...!





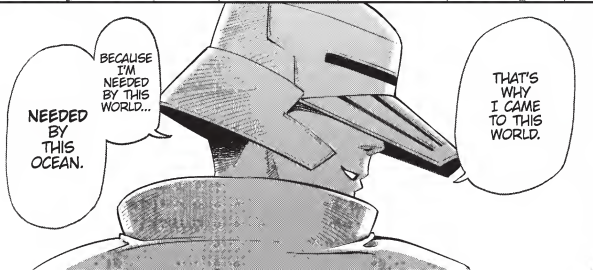


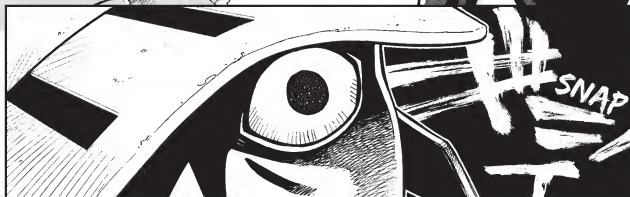
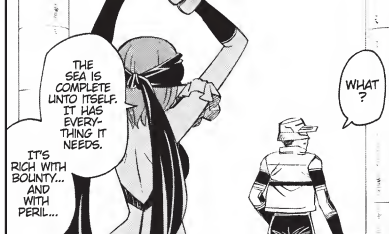
?!
FWIP

A TRIP-
WIRE?!

WH-
WHAT
THE
--?!

WHEN
DID HE
SET
THAT
UP?!





YOU KNOW,
I WAS
PLANNING
ON ABSORBING
YOUR MAGIC
AND ADDING
IT TO MY OWN,
BUT NOW
I'VE CHANGED
MY MIND.

YANK

OH, AND
DON'T THINK
YOU'RE
GOING TO
GET A QUICK
DEATH,
EITHER.

AH
?!

KAI

BUH
!!

Clench

Clench

Squeeze

GU
...!

Rip

SAHH

NO, YOU'LL
BE TORN TO
SHREDS--
SLOWLY--AND
TURNED INTO
CHUM.

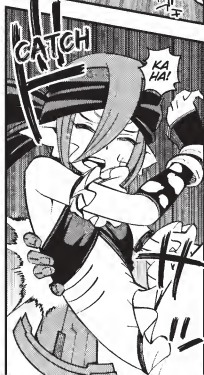
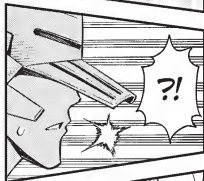
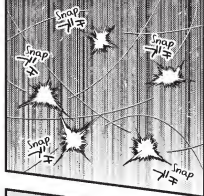
SQUISH

GA!

HAA

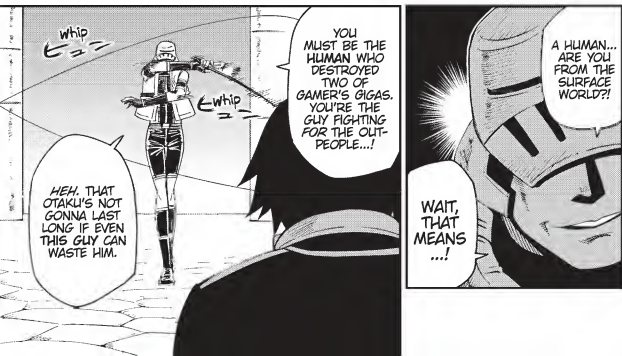
Clench

GLEENCH



**TOUGA-
STYLE
ATTACK:**

**SPARROW
SLASH!!**





AND
I'M
GONNA
LAND
HIM....!

SORRY,
GAMER.
BUT THE
KID TOOK
MY BAIT
OF HIS
OWN
VOLITION.



ALL THIS
SPRINTING
UP THE
LIGHTHOUSE
HAS ME
OUT OF B-
BREATH....!!

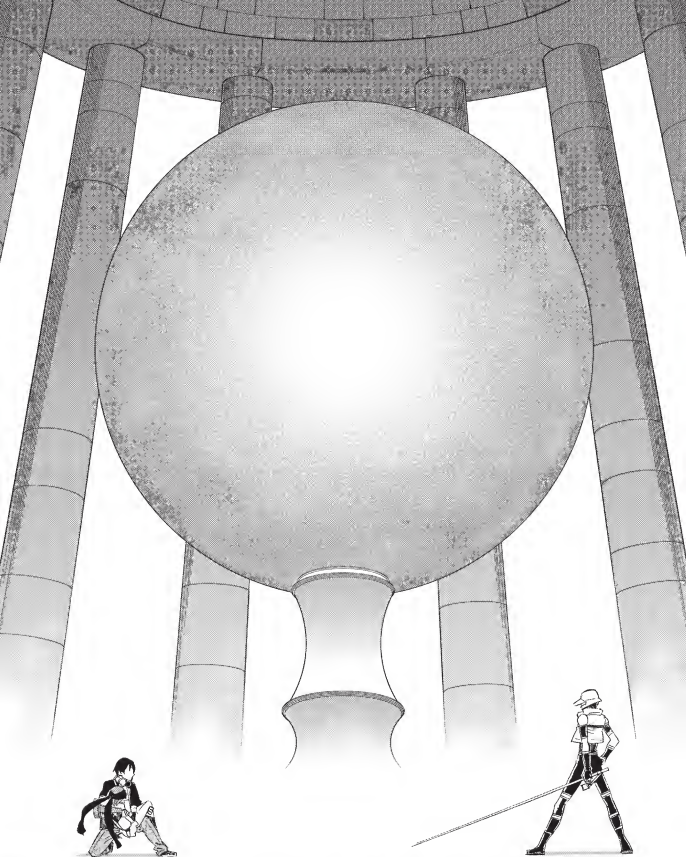
Wheeze

Wheeze

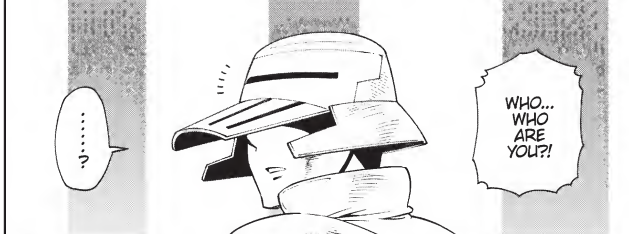
Wheeze

TH-THIS
GUY LOOKS
PRETTY
DANGEROUS
...

BUT
MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY...



Chapter 14:
Esoterica the Angler



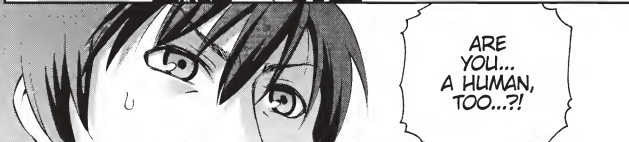
WHO...
WHO
ARE
YOU?!



AND
WHY
ARE YOU
DOING
THIS?!

WHAT
EXACTLY
ARE YOU
AFTER?!

WHY
ARE YOU
ATTACKING
THE OUT-
PEOPLE
WITH YOUR
GIGAS?!



ARE
YOU...
A HUMAN,
TOO...?!

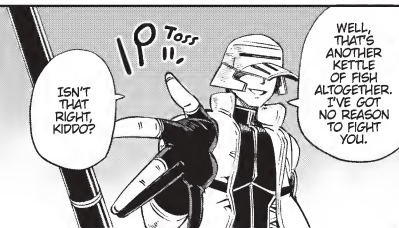


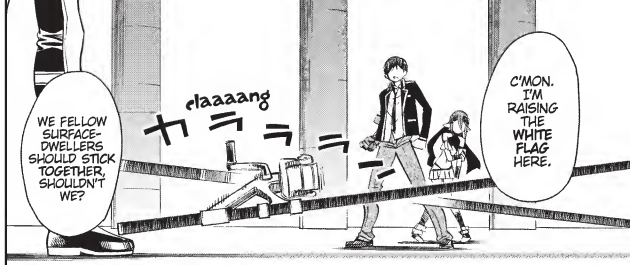
DOES
THAT
MEAN
...?

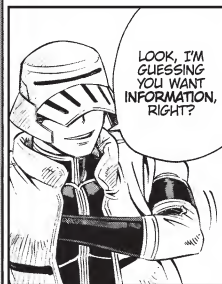
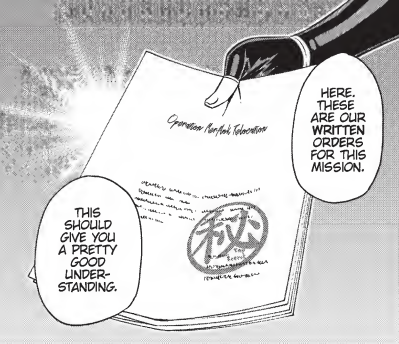


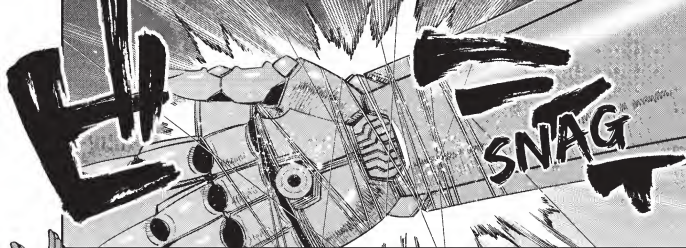
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?
WEREN'T YOU
BROUGHT
HERE
FROM THE
SURFACE?

YOU'RE...
FROM
THE
SURFACE,
TOO?

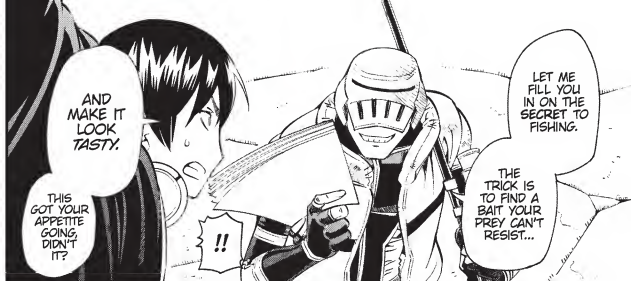












AND
MAKE IT
LOOK
TASTY.

THIS
GOT YOUR
APPETITE
GOING,
DIDN'T
IT?

!!

LET ME
FILL YOU
IN ON THE
SECRET TO
FISHING.

THE
TRICK IS
TO FIND A
BAIT YOUR
PREY CAN'T
RESIST...



YOU'RE
GETTING
IN THE
WAY OF ME
CARRYING
OUT MY
MISSION.

I WASN'T
LYING WHEN
I SAID I HAD
NO REASON
TO FIGHT YOU.
I HONESTLY
COULDN'T
CARE LESS,
BUT...



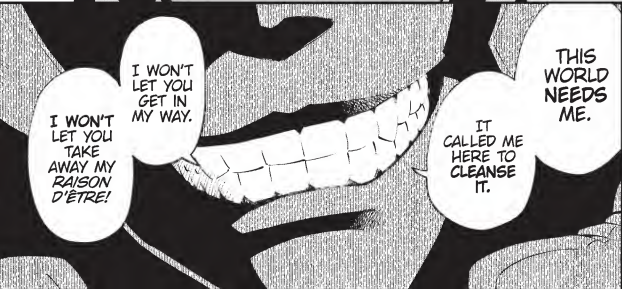
I'LL
TELL YOU
WHY WE
SURFACE-
DWELLERS
ARE HERE.

STILL, I'D
FEEL BAD
FOR YOU IF
YOU KICKED
THE BUCKET
WITHOUT
KNOWING
WHY.

SO,
I'LL GIVE
YOU THIS
ONE
LITTLE
TIDBIT...



WE'RE
HERE TO
WIPE OUT
THE OUT-
PEOPLE!!

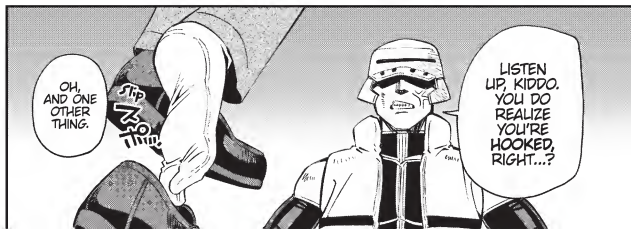
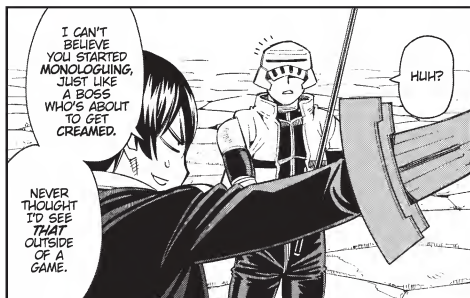


I WON'T
LET YOU
TAKE
AWAY MY
RAISON
D'ÊTRE!

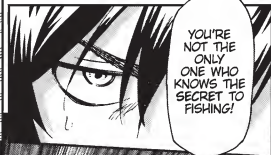
I WON'T
LET YOU
GET IN
MY WAY.

IT
CALLED ME
HERE TO
CLEANSE
IT.

THIS
WORLD
NEEDS
ME.



YAAANK

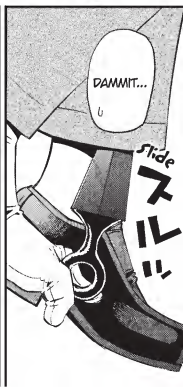
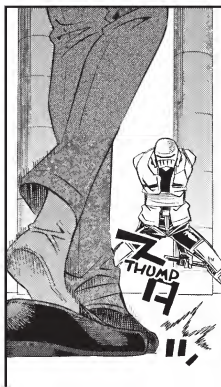
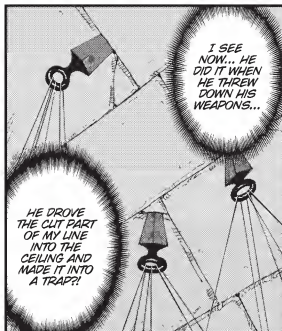
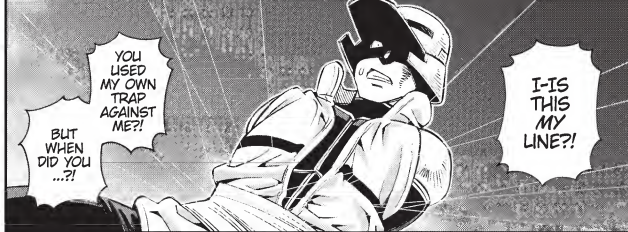


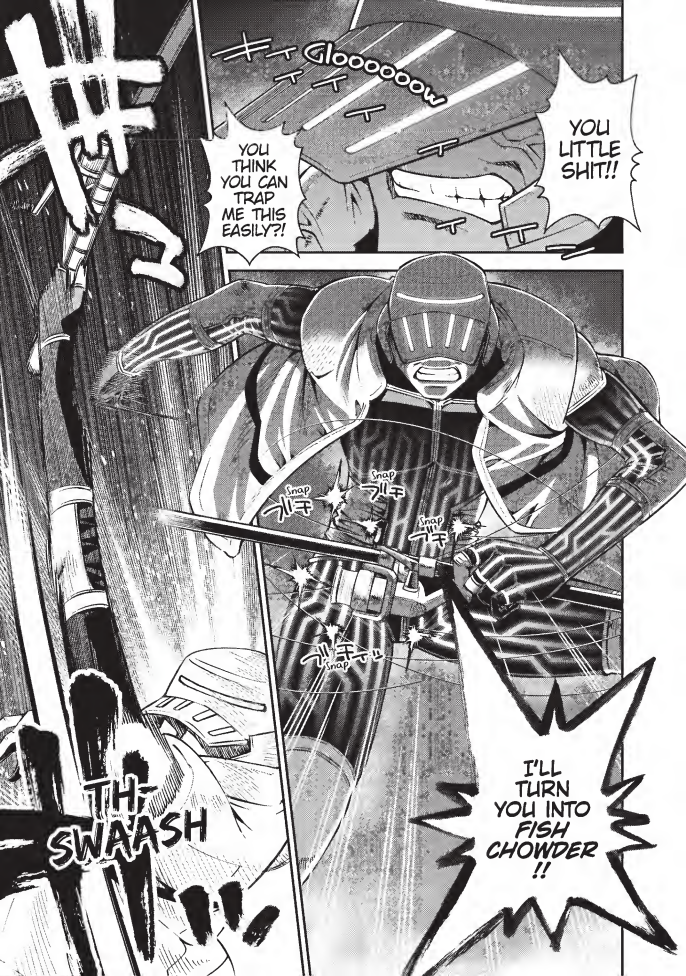
YOU'RE
NOT THE
ONLY
ONE WHO
KNOWS THE
SECRET TO
FISHING!



WHAT
?!

WH-





YOU
THINK
YOU CAN
TRAP
ME THIS
EASILY?!

YOU
LITTLE
SHIT!!

Gloooooow

Snap
カチ

Snap
カチ

Snap
カチ

カチ
Snap

TH
SWAASH

I'LL
TURN
YOU INTO
FISH
CHOWDER
!!



THWOOF



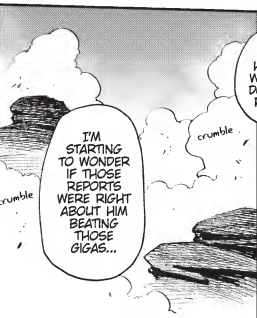
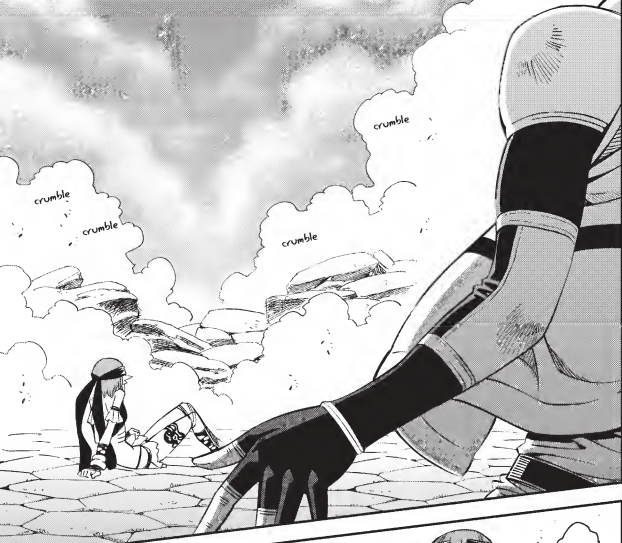
KA-BROOSH



BRAA









DUCK

SWF

WHIRRR

WELL,
THERE'S
NO WAY
YOU'LL
BREAK
THROUGH
MY FISHING
LINE
BARRIER!!

HE
DODGED
MY CAST
AT THIS
RANGE!!

DAM-
MIT!!

キッ
Squeal

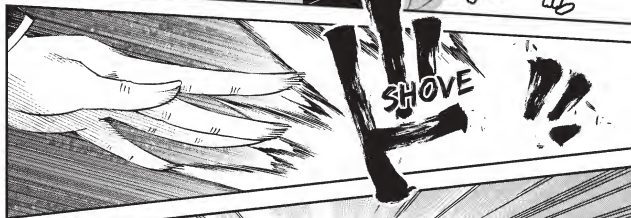
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Squeal

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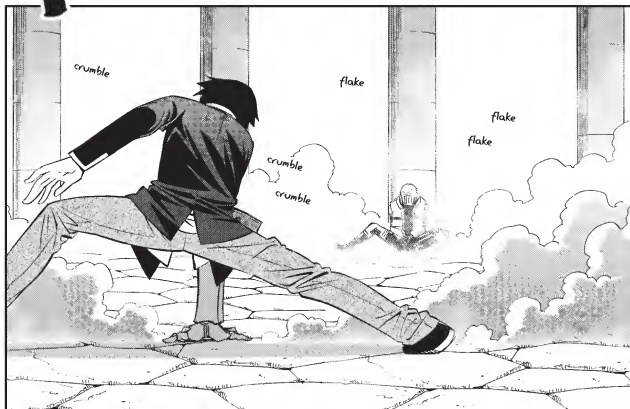
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Squeal

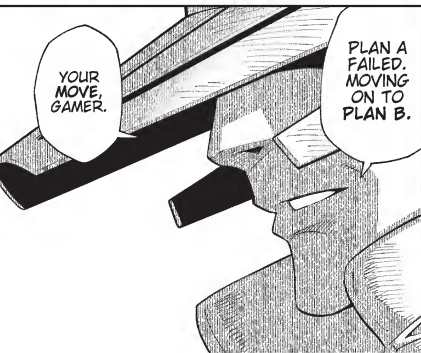
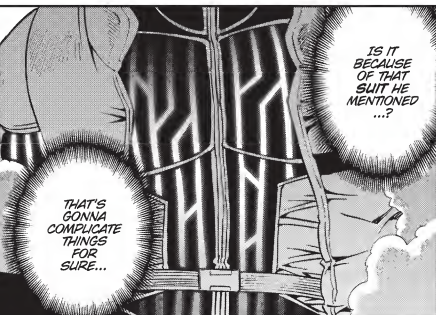
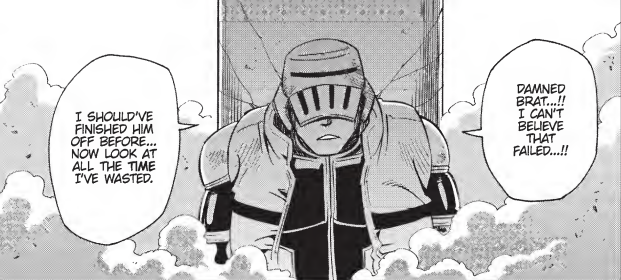




TOUGA-
STYLE
ATTACK:

RAINBOW
TROUT
WATERSPOUT
!!!





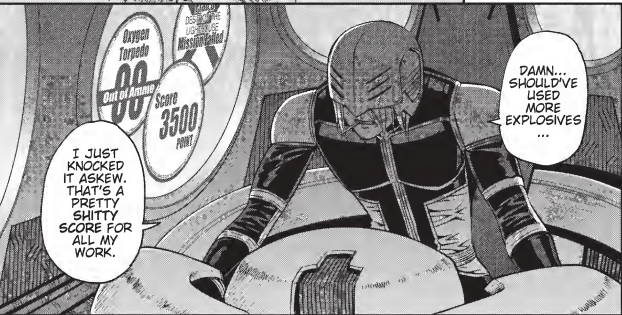
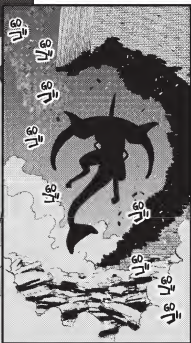
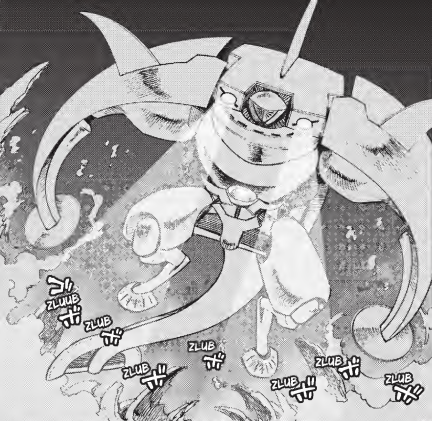
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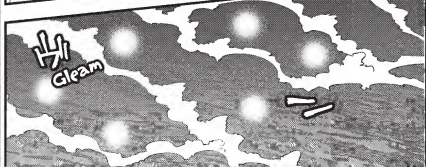
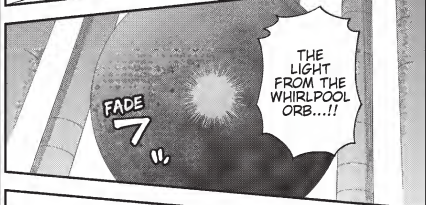
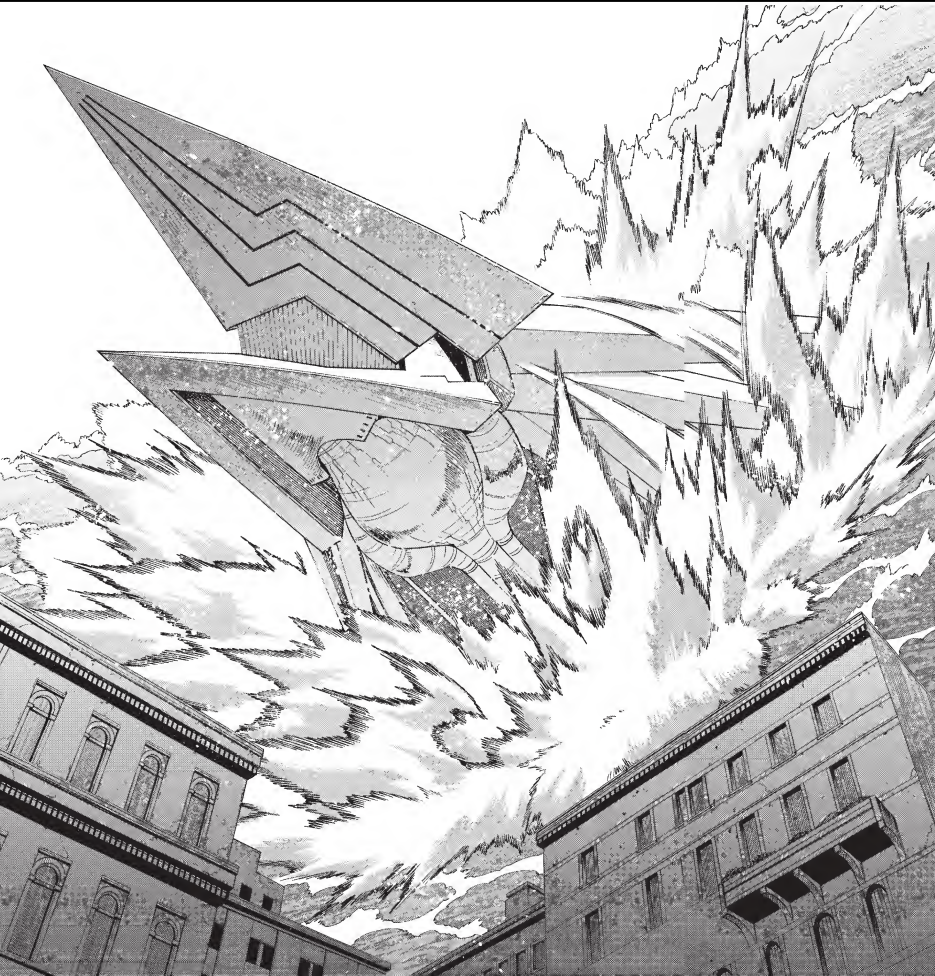
WHAT
THE
--?!

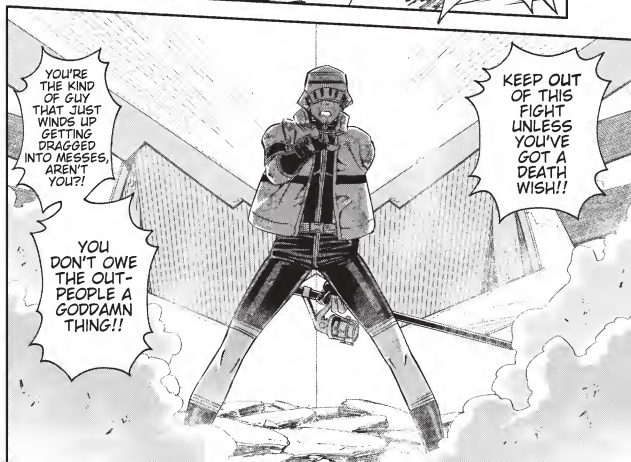
ZA-BOOM

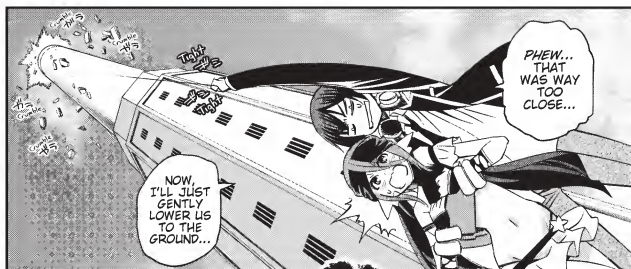
AN
EXPLO-
SION?!









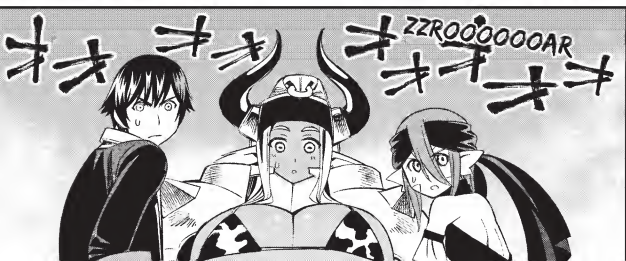


BOYOYOING

YEEP!!

ほにゅんん" (honyunn~)

MWAH?!





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トウエルダ ビースト

12 BEAST 0

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EPISODE

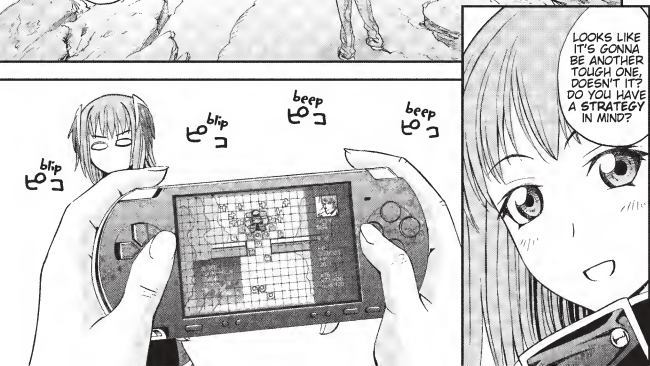
IT WAS DURING THE DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE OF THE 12 BEAST PILOT THAT THE BASIC FORMAT OF "ALL THE DIFFERENT OUT-PEOPLE STANDING UP AGAINST GIANT EVIL ROBOTS" FELL INTO PLACE. IF I WERE A RESPONSIBLE MANGA-KA, I MIGHT SAY I WAS GOING FOR A THEME OF "ALTHOUGH A SINGLE PERSON MIGHT BE WEAK, IF EVERYONE JOINS FORCES, WE CAN TRIUMPH," BUT LET'S BE HONEST: I JUST WANTED TO DRAW A COMPOSITE GROUP WITH LOTS OF DIFFERENT MONSTER GIRLS. YUP, YOU HEARD ME. ISN'T THERE JUST SOMETHING APPEALING ABOUT AN INCOHERENT, CHAOTIC, COMPOSITE GROUP? DON'T YOU AGREE? WHAT? YOU DON'T? ALSO, IT'S AWESOME TO TAKE AN ENEMY'S WEAPON AND USE IT AS YOUR OWN, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO TAKE UNTIL I HAVE AS MANY RACES IN THE MAIN STORY AS I DO IN THIS PILOT...





WASTELAND
SURROUNDED
BY SHEER
CLIFFS AS
FAR AS THE
EYE CAN
SEE...

THOUGH
THERE ARE
TWO LINES
OF DEFENSE,
THEY DON'T
HAVE MANY
PEOPLE
MANNING
THEM.



LOOKS LIKE
IT'S GONNA
BE ANOTHER
TOUGH ONE,
DOESN'T IT?
DO YOU HAVE
A STRATEGY
IN MIND?





12BEAST0

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Alliance of the Hundred Beasts

BASED
ON THEIR
INVASION
ROUTE, WE
LIZARDS ARE
THEIR NEXT
TARGET!!

OUT-PEOPLE
SETTLEMENTS
ARE BEING
DESTROYED
ONE AFTER
ANOTHER!

Shunk

LIZARD

THE ONLY
THING THAT
COULD HAVE
DESTROYED
THOSE VILLAGES
WAS ONE OF
THE ANTI-
OUT-PEOPLE
WEAPONS--
A GIGAS!

WE
MUST RISE
AGAINST THE
GIGAS FOR
THE SAKE
OF OUR
RACE'S
PRIDE!!



IT'S TRUE THAT WAR IS UNAVOIDABLE...

CHIEF-TAIN!

BUT YOU CANNOT DENY THAT WE LIZARDS ARE NOT A WARRIOR RACE.



WE MUST NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO FALL PREY TO THE OUT-PEOPLE PERSECUTION!!

SETTLE DOWN THERE, SHAY!



I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE LIKE--

KYA!

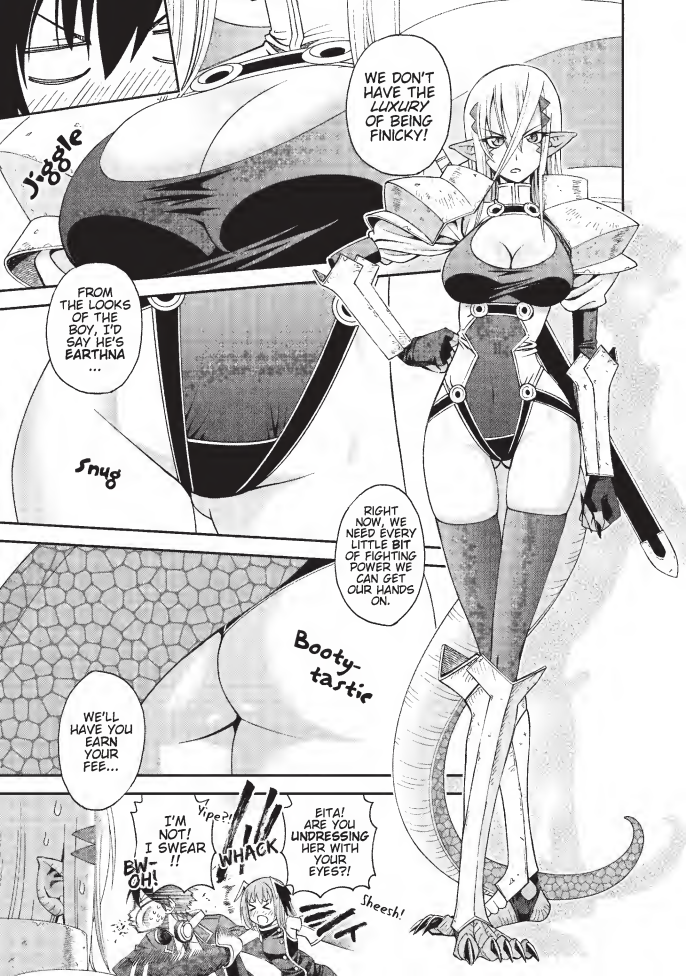
CRASH



AND SO, I HIRED A BAND OF MERCENARIES.

MERCENARIES, YOU SAY...?





WE DON'T
HAVE THE
LUXURY
OF BEING
FINICKY!

FROM
THE LOOKS
OF THE
BOY, I'D
SAY HE'S
EARTHNA
...

RIGHT
NOW, WE
NEED EVERY
LITTLE BIT
OF FIGHTING
POWER WE
CAN GET
OUR HANDS
ON.

WE'LL
HAVE YOU
EARN
YOUR
FEE...

Booty-
tastic

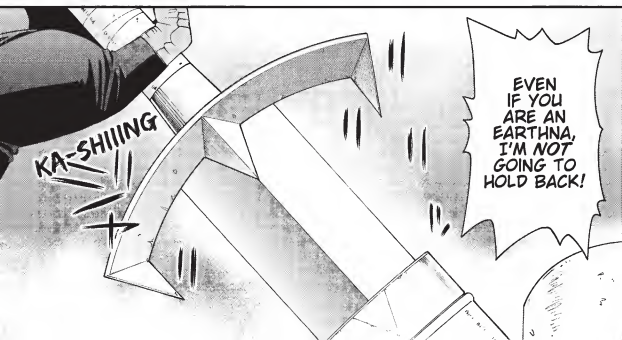
I'M
NOT!
I SWEAR
!!
BW-
OH!

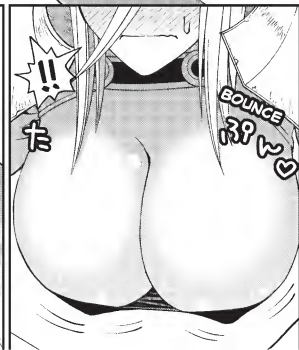
Yipe?!
WHACK

EITA!
ARE YOU
UNDRESSING
HER WITH
YOUR
EYES?!

Sheesh!









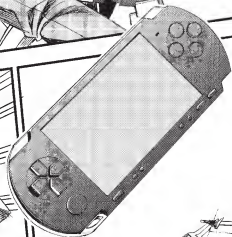
DODGE

SLASH

WHAT
THE--?!



WHIP



FWUUMP

WAH
?!

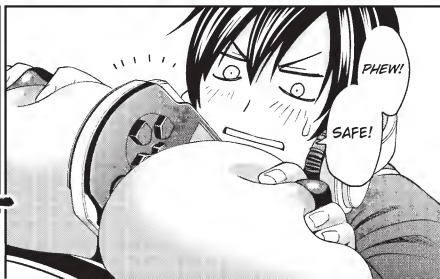
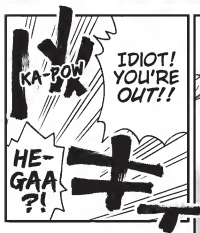


?!
TRIP



AH
--!









FOR THE
PEOPLE WE
BELIEVE
IN.

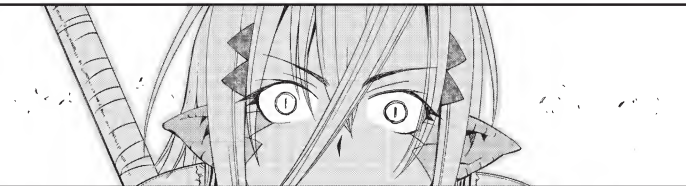
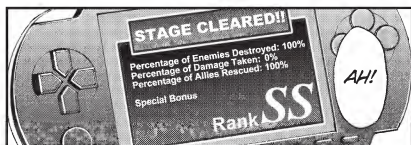
WE
CAN
FIGHT...

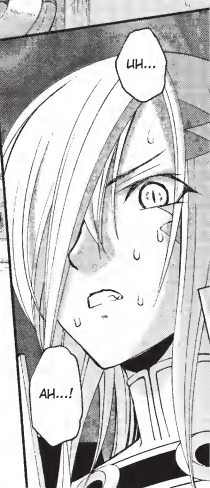
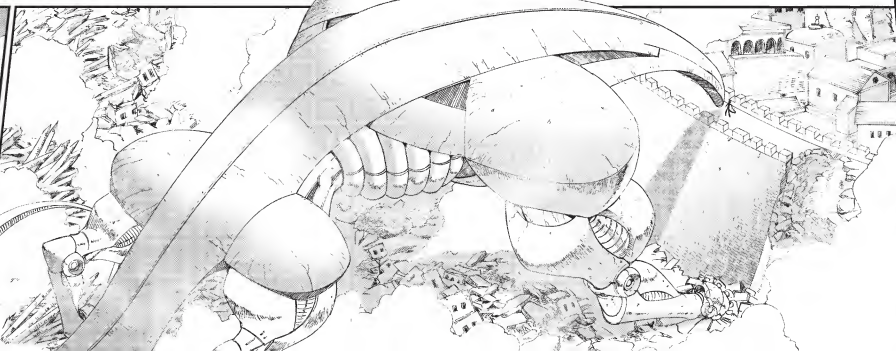
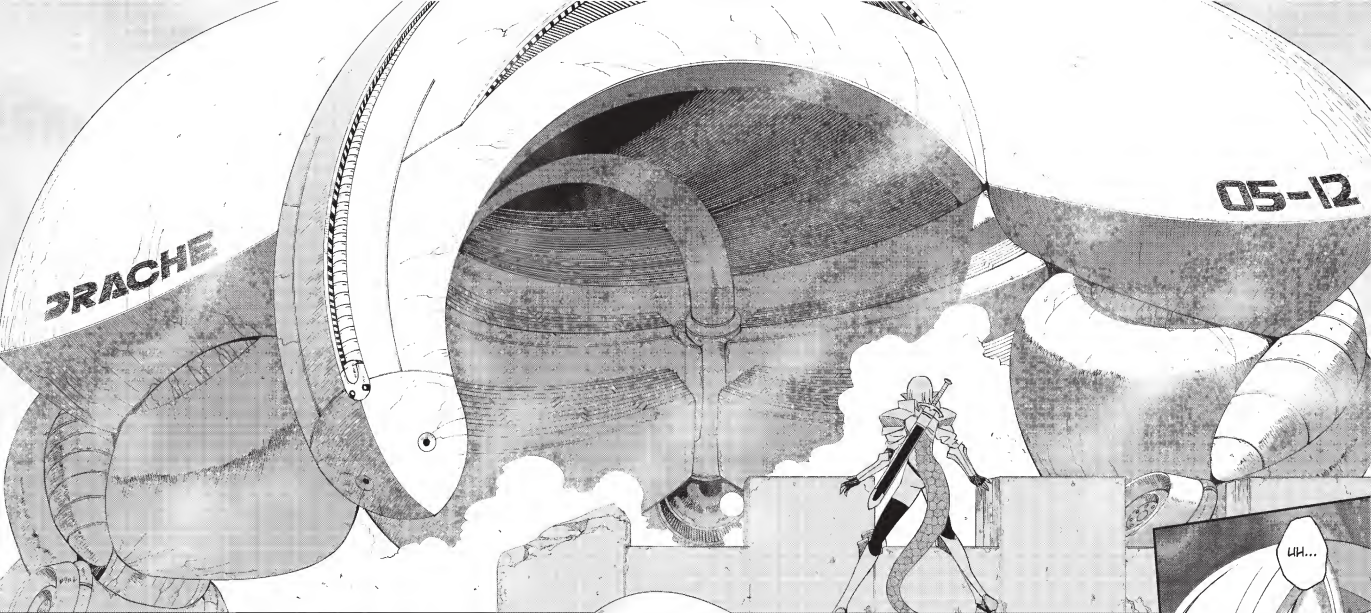


IF
NOTHING
ELSE,
PLEASE
TRUST
ME ON
THAT.

ZWUUM

?!







Grape
SAT

Squirm

Poke
==P==

Poke
==P==

HYUU!!

Squirm

TWITCH

zzlooorp

ST--

Squirm

STOP
....!!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
...?!

WH--
?!
6





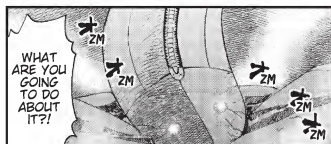
THE
MULTI-
SPECIES
SUPER-
COMPOSITE
BRIGADE!!

AMAZING
...!!

EACH ONE
BRINGS
OUT THE
OTHERS'
STRENGTHS!

THIS...
TRULY
IS...!!



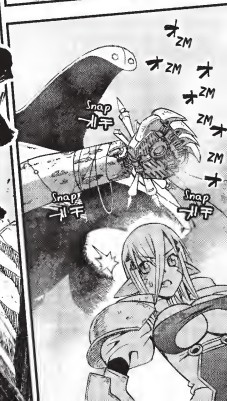




MAGIC
BONDS
CONNECT
!!



IS THIS
REALLY
THE
TIME
...?!





**THE
GIGAS
SLAYER!!**



THIS
IS THE
ONLY THING
THAT CAN
CRYSTALIZE
AN OUT-
PERSON'S
MAGIC INTO
A WEAPON!



**RAVEN
FANG!!!**









WHA?!



AERO ?!

TOO LATE. EITA ALREADY AGREED TO THE TERMS!

Why'd you have to spill your guts?



RENEGOTIATE THE CONTRACT!!

SO, NO VICTORY PARTY-- AGAIN?!

WE'RE ALREADY BROKE!

WHOA THERE, BOSS! DON'T TELL ME YOU LET THEM LOW-BALL US AGAIN?!

ANOTHER MONTH IN THE RED?!

LUNGE!

Err... Well...



STOP! I'LL GET US SOME MONEY, I SWEAR!!

WAH ?!

You have failed this army!

Strike! Strike!

WE NEED TO EAT!

Raise our wages!

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE!

HONEST !!!

WE DEMAND BETTER TREATMENT!!



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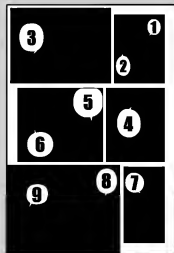
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